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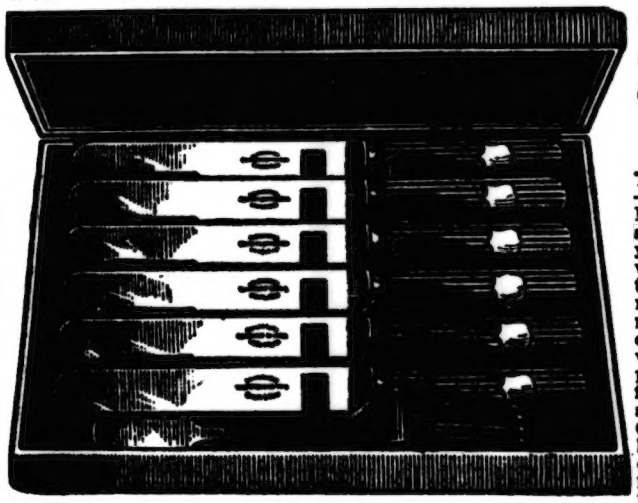

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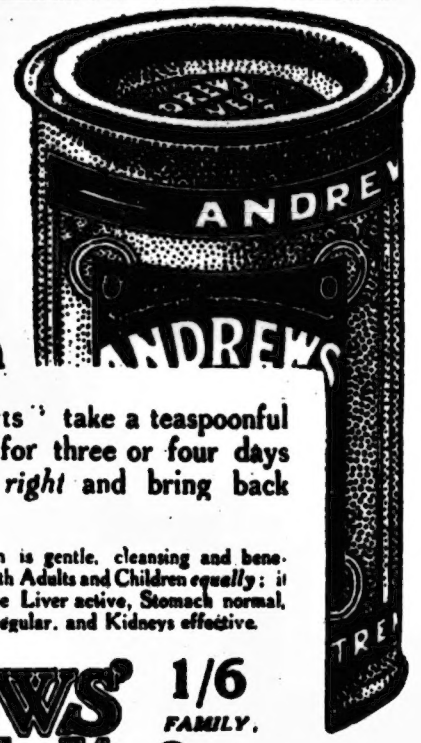

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THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL.

[*The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.*]

Letting the Cat Out.

Can there be any doubt, after the reception of Dr. Simons on his return to Berlin, that Germany never had the remotest intention of fulfilling her Treaty obligations? How we have been fooled!

The "Kissing Doctor."

This is by no means the only case of recent times in which a medical man has defended the custom of kissing his patients—but, of course, there are kisses *and* kisses, and the treatment is a risky thing to apply.

East and West.

One of our readers expresses sympathy with the Treasury Bench upon its weakening in debating power, owing to the fact, as he puts it, that "Mr. Churchill has gone East and Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen has gone West." But they still have Mr. Neal and Mr. Illingworth!

Our Prescription for Germany.

Immediately after the Prime Minister's statement in the House of Commons respecting the break up of the Conference, we tabled the following Notice of Motion: "That this House views with dismay the decision of His Majesty's Government as to the method of collection of German indemnities as being economically unsound, politically mischievous, and commercially impracticable; and expresses its opinion that the proper course to adopt is for the Allies to march at once upon Berlin and impose upon the German people such terms as shall compel them to realise that they have lost the war, and as would have been exacted by them had they been victorious." That's the stuff to give 'em!

Manufacturing "Public Opinion."

It is amusing, by the way, to observe how the Government Press at once took steps to undermine the effects of this Motion. We have before us as we write four identical paragraphs, taken respectively from the *Birmingham Gazette*, the *Sheffield Independent*, the *Leicester Daily Post*, and the *Eastern Daily Press*, expressing surprise that, as "the leader of a so-called Anti-Waste Party," we should not have appended a calculation of the cost to the country of our proposal. The answer is simple. The cost would be collected in Germany—with a big surplus towards Indemnities.

Lest We Forget.

On the other hand, the *North Eastern Daily Gazette* says: "It is Mr. Bottomley, and not Mr. Lloyd George, who stands for the policy which the immense Coalition majority was elected in 1918 to enforce." That is what Woolwich thought.

An Easter Mem.

Will our readers please note that next week we shall be on sale in the provinces, as well as in London, on Wednesday?

At the Palace.

Last week we had the honour of attending the King and Queen's afternoon party, and of having a conversation with each of their Majesties. We are no sycophant, but we are bound to say that we were deeply impressed with their intimate acquaintance with present political problems.

Mr. Pringle.

On personal grounds, we are sorry that this able Parliamentarian was unsuccessful at Penistone, and we are not surprised to hear that, after his two by-election defeats, following upon the loss of his seat at the General Election, he contemplates devoting his attention to the Bar—where we predict for him a brilliant future.

LAST WEEK!

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The Whining Hun.

According to a Hun whine, "The people of Germany have been betrayed and oppressed in a most shameful manner. Our enemies dictate whatever they please; our people become enslaved, and must sign their own death warrant." The sooner they sign it the better. Foch will make an excellent executioner.

A Patriotic Padre.

Whilst we are all against voting doles and gratuities in these days—except to fighting men—we are glad that our plea in these columns for recognition of the financial sacrifices and splendid work of the Rev. Mr. North in Russia has at length borne fruit. He is a type of padre to whom we may all raise our hats.

"None So Blind——"

According to the National Commercial Temperance League—by the way, we like that phrase "Commercial Temperance"!—"Viscount Astor, after a prolonged visit to the United States, has found homes happier, the people more prosperous, and a widespread feeling that the country has gained enormously under Prohibition, and he was struck by the fact that hardly anybody wanted to repeal it." We are afraid he must have been struck in both eyes!

Deserters.

We are glad to hear that the question of a pardon, except in very special cases, to deserters is now under serious consideration.

An "Outer."

According to *The Bull's Eye*, we are "a satellite of Lloyd George." We are afraid our contemporary has not hit it this time.

A New "Zoo Zoo."

Have you seen the latest production of the Odhams Press—the *Children's Zoo Pictorial*? No doubt it will become a great favourite, and be known as the animals' "Zoo Zoo."

A Fatuous Measure.

Of all the silly proposals for obtaining indemnities from the Hun, commend us to the Bill just introduced by the Government providing for the deduction by the British Treasury of fifty per cent. of the price of all goods coming here from Germany. Can you see the wily Teuton parting with his merchandise on such terms?

Treasury Counsel.

We would strongly advise defendants in criminal proceedings never to engage Treasury Counsel. Apart from the fact that their psychology is entirely antipathetic to establishing any man's innocence, they are such a close corporation and in such intimate relations with each other that a defendant in their hands has little chance.

At Colney Hatch.

On Friday evening of last week we spent a few hours at the Annual Fancy Dress Ball organised by the convalescing inmates of Colney Hatch. It was a wonderful spectacle, pathos and humour being about equally mixed. But they were all highly amused when we told them that the general standard of their intelligence compared favourably with that of the House of Commons.

A Great Compliment.

We have received from the publishers, Messrs. John Lord and Sons, of Manchester, a splendid souvenir volume of "Memories" of the Battle of the Somme, containing a complete roll of honour. The editor, Mr. William J. Borland, has been good enough to dedicate it to "Horatio Bottomley, M.P., who, by his glorious optimism, his magnificent confidence in the valour of the British Forces, his splendid fight for the right and honour of those who fought for the right and honour of my Country, has earned for himself, all the world over, the well-deserved title of 'The Soldier's Friend'." We crave no greater honour.

Our Action Justified.

We are glad to note that, following our recent article dealing with certain trading transactions between Wimbledon Councillors and the Corporation, an eminent King's Counsel has been invited to investigate the whole position. We shall patiently await the result of an inquiry which cannot fail to be of wide public interest. But why did the Council wait until we applied the spur?

How Justice is Done.

There are too many J.P.s on the Bench who cannot make the punishment fit the crime. Those sitting at Uckfield are among them. One day recently they sentenced a soldier to a month's hard labour for the serious crime of assaulting a little girl of eight. The next, they sent a boy of 15 to a reformatory until he is 19, for obtaining 22s. 6d. by false pretences. And his father was ordered to pay 5s. a week towards the cost of his maintenance!

A Futile Solution.

Of all the futile plans to help solve the unemployed problem that in operation at Cheltenham easily takes the bun. The men are given work only on alternate weeks; consequently they are unable to obtain Unemployment Pay for the seven days they have to stand down, and the 50s. they get for a week's work is not sufficient to keep the wolf from the door for a fortnight. Let some of the Councillors see if they can support a family on 25s. a week.

Lo! The Poor Indian.

The Muir Mills Co., Ltd., Cawnpore, India, have just paid their final dividend, making a total of a paltry 120 per cent. for the year—after paying a handsome bonus to employees! The Directors modestly call this a "record." But these swollen dividends make poor reading for the British taxpayer, with *his* little record taxation for Navy and Army to protect these Indian profiteers—to say nothing of some record payments to Famine Funds. This lucky Company's prices or its profits need severe pruning with an axe.

"The Schoolmaster Abroad."

We have received a letter from a District Messenger Boy. Its point, to our mind, lies in the spelling—"superintant" for superintendent; "expireance" for experience; whilst "thier work," "who's wages," and "is it write?" appear, the author's name being signed "Goerge." The writing, too, is poor and irregular, and the make-up of the letter would disgrace a child of seven. To crown all, it is written on a letter-sheet of some school headed "London County Council"! And to-day many a man is being sold up to pay taxes for the gilded schemes of Education.

Law, Profits and Public.

How public money is systematically diverted into the pockets of lawyers is once more instanced by a pretty little strafe that has arisen between the G.P.O. and the Liverpool Corporation, on a claim by the former for trivial damage (£40) alleged to have been caused to the telephone plant by electrical defects in the municipal tramway system. Instead of these two authorities coming to a settlement direct, legal proceedings have been instituted, counsel engaged, experts sent down from London—and, whatever the upshot may be, a heavy bill for legal and experts' expenses is piling up.

Grab the Lot.

Private Hettledon, of Walsall, being unemployed, had to go into the Workhouse, the local Guardians agreeing to take 5s. of his pension towards his maintenance, the man himself doing work allotted to him. These payments were made for several months, when all of a sudden the Secretary of the London Pensions Office butted in to ask the Guardians how much they would like to have of it. On this the Board replied that they would like to collar the lot, and we understand that they have now got it!

The Nation's Nurses.

On 6th June, 1917, the British Women's Hospital Committee opened a Fund on behalf of the Nation's Nurses. Accounts have now been issued to 31st Dec., 1919. The sum of £92,000 was contributed, and in two-and-a-half years the Fund found sufficient "distressed" nurses to receive £2,144 11s. 6d. "Just think of it," exclaims the *British Journal of Nursing*, "£1 out of every £46 given to—cadged for by—the Nation's Fund for Destitute Nurses is all that was actually given to these poor objects of public pity!" The state of affairs does certainly look rotten.

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU."

"Why not the Christmas Spirit all the year round?" is the really bright idea expounded by Will Scott in this week's "Passing Show."

On sale everywhere, 2d.

Milk and Water Law.

Recently at Thakeham, Sussex, milk was discovered to have 31-35 per cent. added water. Pure water is a blessing any time, but at a shilling a quart it gets into the luxury list. The farmer supplying this "sky-blue" was fined £5 or 21 days—practically let off. An employee who confessed that he put in the water without permission went scot free. The cow is lucky not to have got penal servitude!

Brass-faced Brighton Bilkers.

A firm with slim methods and thick skins is Vaughan & Heather, Limited, of Breezy Brighton. A reader sent cash by post for "oddments" and six pairs of stockings. The "oddments" duly arrived, but the stockings did not. Repeated demands only elicited a dozen postcards of rainbow hues, comprising similarly variegated excuses. We suggest once more to the police of Brighton that taking a man's money by post and supplying no goods is at least as great an offence as taking a humble bob on an "also ran."

Fouling Their Own Nest.

Messrs. M'Cann, Campbell & Jones, 69, Ludgate Hill, E.C., circulate a letter to toy-dealers, bemoaning the impossibility of exhibiting goods made in "the home of the Toy Industry—Germany" at the Exhibition of British-made Toys! But "are they downhearted?" No! They "have arranged a special show of German goods for the entire wants of the Toy Trade, prices and qualities at pre-war standards." Money-grubbing may know no flag, but we might drop a gentle hint to "Paddy" M'Cann, "Sandy" Campbell and "Taffy" Jones that, after all, John Bull pays the piper and calls the tune!

Service a Disqualification.

The work of H.M. Inspector of Taxes, Welshpool, was somewhat in arrears. An ex-Serviceman invalided from Portuguese East Africa, and another wounded and gassed in France, were amongst those engaged temporarily. After working from 9.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. for over three months pulling up arrears, they were given a month's notice, their services being no longer required. Surely when, out of a collection of ex-Service men, shirkers and women, a staff is to be reduced, it is a shameful act to drop overboard the only two who did their bit?

Fraudulent "Auctions."

Times out of number we have exposed and warned the public against the fraudulent "auctions," whereat rubbishy imitation gold and silver watches and other "articles of bigotry and virtue" are sold; but it is not often that one of the "gentlemen of the hammer" who run these concerns is brought to book, as the victims seldom take the trouble to prosecute. Congratulations, therefore, to the plucky lady at Newcastle who succeeded in getting one Charles Murgatroyd fined £10 for thus defrauding her. But what about his auctioneer's licence?

Only a Dog.

A dog is only a dog, and we had almost said Mr. James W. Ellis is only an ass when we decided to remark instead that he is only an alleged Justice. Sitting as the Chairman of the Newcastle Bench, he had to pronounce judgment in the case of one Towers, charged with furiously riding his motor-cycle. He would be fined 10s., said Mr. Ellis. "The Bench did not attach any importance to the killing of the dog; they knew what a great nuisance dogs were from a motorist's point of view." Also, unfortunately, we know what a great nuisance some Magistrates are from a humane point of view.

Licence Off!

For the second time of asking, the "Exervis" Store, 202, High Street, Hounslow, run by the Discharged Sailors', Soldiers' and Airmen's Co-operation, Ltd., has been refused a retail "off" licence for wines, beers and spirits. Since the first application was made to the local Bench on behalf of the Store, a large shop in the same street has been granted a retail licence. Why the Magistrates should persist in refusing the same trading facilities to a business association of ex-Service men is a matter for conjecture; but, on the face of it, it looks very much like a deliberate effort to hinder the success of their enterprise.

The Embargo.

When Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen admitted, in reply to interrogations by Colonel Grant Morden, M.P., that for the past three years Canadian cattle have been entirely free from any infection, he probably conveyed to some minds the impression that Canadian cattle have been so free only for that period. As a matter of fact, it is nearer thirty-three years than three since disease occurred amongst Dominion stock. What Sir Arthur should have stated was that three years ago the long immunity from infection enjoyed by Canadian cattle was publicly acknowledged by the then Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Prothero—now Lord Ernle. Congratulations to the gallant Colonel on his efforts to provide us with cheaper meat.

German Pianos.

They are coming back; more and more. A Bristol firm, advertising in a local newspaper, makes no bones about it. "The Finest Piano in the World," they scream of a certain German instrument which we shall not name. "Where delicacy of Touch and Tone are wanted the ——— is easily first." Mark you, this isn't a Hun firm cracking up a Hun piano; it's a British firm doing it for them. And if what the British firm says is true, why is it so?

Wake Up, Manager!

Passengers who wish to travel from Eastbourne and Hastings to any station on the Portsmouth line find that the Manager of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway has so arranged their connection that they invariably miss it by two or three minutes, and have to wait half-an-hour or so for another train—this despite the fact that the train time has been recently altered. They hope that when the Manager wakes up to see what's doing, things will be changed.

British Sailors for British Ships.

Apropos of a recent reply in our "Letter Bag," a Liverpool ex-Service man says that in regard to weekly coasting boats "you would hardly find one British among the crew of any of them." Why, he asks, "should not these Blacks, and Greeks, and Spaniards, be got out of it, and give some of our own starving ex-Service men, soldiers and sailors, a chance?" Because the British shipowner dearly loves a foreigner, and out of pure delicacy of feeling the Board of Trade won't interfere in his affection.

Caretakers, Take Care!

The Brailes and Shipston-on-Stour Joint Hospital want a couple of caretakers, who must be a man and wife without children. The man will be required to break coal, cut wood, wash ambulance, pump sewage, cultivate the garden, keep the lawns, pathways and roads in good order, etc. His wife "to keep the Hospital House, Furniture and Premises aired and clean," and see to the wants of the nurses. Their remuneration will be mainly in kind—"the use of the kitchen, outbuildings, and a bedroom in the cottage." When it is not otherwise required they will be graciously granted the use of the sitting-room. Add to these priceless advantages "a joint salary of £15 per annum," and it will easily be imagined what a rush there will be for the job!

A Tale and a Truncheon.

If any reader, employed as a railway servant, discovered when quitting his work two bottles of gin "on the road," what should he do? Charles Port, a Kilburn shunter, in these circumstances says he was taking them to the office to report, when he was suddenly seized, and during a natural struggle to release himself was felled senseless with a truncheon, six stitches being subsequently necessary on account of the injuries inflicted. According to the Press report, the solitary witness was P.C. Sadler, who said the prisoner "pulled a bottle from his pocket as if to strike." The shunter's tale might have appeared "a bit thin," but he had 25 years' "clean" service, and against a constable who, instead of calling assistance fells a man as savagely as the injuries showed, he might have been given the benefit of the doubt, instead of being sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

A "Killing" Policy.

That there are cures for the deadly foot and mouth disease that has wrought such havoc among our cattle is known to many breeders and graziers. One was recently offered for free trial to our Board of Agriculture. But they won't even try it, because "No opportunity is afforded for the application of curative treatment, *as the policy of the Ministry is to deal with the affected animals by slaughter.*" A pig-headed policy that costs stock-breeders, graziers, and taxpayers hundreds of thousands of pounds!

Cabbages.

Who is pocketing the enormous profits on cabbages? One reads, according to the South Essex Farmers' Union, that the best savoy cabbages were sold in Covent Garden Market at 2s. per bag or tally. Later, local shopkeepers demanded 4d. for a single one of fair size—this notwithstanding that the wholesale price works out at about two for a penny. It is suggested that if market prices were quoted in the newspapers in plain figures, lovers of a comely cabbage would be the better able to appreciate who is fleecing them.

Senseless All Round.

An Aylesbury soldier, total service 12 years, went through the Great War from Mons onward, being awarded a Disablement Certificate and pension of 8s. Having a crippled mother to support, he tried his powers too much and suffered an ordinary nervous breakdown. Moved from one place to another, he is now in Maidstone in the company of lunatics, fretting himself to a state of madness. His mother, out of her small means, incurs expense in visits, and the taxpayers are bled to keep a young fellow, able and anxious to work, in compulsory idleness!

Sweaters at Staines.

Staines Union advertised for a whole-time assistant clerk who must possess the following qualifications: "A good general knowledge of the Poor Law, competent to enter up and balance the ledgers for audit, capable of preparing all returns for the Ministry of Health," typist and shorthand-writer to boot. They kindly add that "qualifications being equal, preference will be given to ex-Service men." If they can find a clerical Crichton to suit them they offer him—the magnificent salary of £125 per annum. Who said sweaters?

Pussyfoot Justice in Canada.

A very abominable sentence on an old man at Benbough, Sask., has aroused indignation throughout Canada. And we don't wonder. The old man obtained a drink for a mounted policeman who said he had a bad cold and was run down. When the policeman had obtained the drink he informed a superior police officer, who prosecuted, and on the evidence of the constable the Magistrates sent the man for two months to Regina Gaol in default of paying a fine of 400 dollars. The reporter does not say what was done with the policeman, but we gather he was promptly promoted sergeant for his excellent imitation of Judas.

An Easter Egg.

If you want an Easter Egg of £500, try "Bullets" this week. The second prize has been increased to £100, and the third prize to £50. Nearly 5,000 prizes in all must be won.

GENERAL FARMING IN SOUTH AFRICA.

In general or mixed farming, the object is not to specialise in one product, but to grow as many as possible of such crops as maize, oats, barley, cowpeas, roots, and hay. These, with grazing, give a perfect ration for live stock. And as such high-priced products as milk, beef, mutton and pork pay much better than grain and fodder, animal husbandry is being increasingly combined with crop raising in South Africa.

When the field crops are used mainly for dairy cows, the butter-fat is delivered to a creamery, and on the skim-milk and crop refuse hogs are matured for the bacon factory. Usually a number of steers are fattened for the butcher. Perhaps a few horses or mules are bred. Geese and turkeys are prepared for the Christmas market. Probably tobacco is grown, almost certainly garden stuff and fruit for the homestead with perhaps a surplus for the market.

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BRUTALITIES THAT ARE A BLOT UPON THE FAIR NAME OF BRITAIN.

By W. Charles Pilley, *Assistant Editor.*

THERE was a sharp outcry in the Press not long ago over the alleged cruelties of pigeon shooting at Monte Carlo, but humanitarians need not travel so far from home to discover instances of gross brutality to the dumb creation. An animal may be maimed, even tortured to death, yet the maximum penalty Magistrates can inflict is three months' imprisonment, with hard labour! I am sure I shall command the assent of my readers when I say that this state of the law is a reproach to our civilisation. As in the case of children, the sheer defencelessness of the domestic animals against the brute instincts of man should entitle them to valid legal protection in a country that plumes itself upon its Christian traditions.

Unpunished Horrors.

As though to make easy the path of the animal torturer, the Protection of Animals Act, 1911, under which proceedings are usually taken, permits a fine of £25 in lieu of imprisonment. The result is that, in many cases, the authors of revolting cruelties have nothing more to fear than the loss of a little money. The case is made worse when Magistrates, more callous than the Legislature, decline to enforce the penalties provided by the Act. The sort of thing that constantly happens was illustrated at the Fleet Fen Petty Sessions the other day, when a smallholder was charged with the ill-treatment of a goat. The poor brute had been fastened up by a heavy chain which, in course of time, had eaten into its neck, the sores being infested with maggots. Addressing the defendant, the Chairman of the Bench, Alderman R. Merry, said "This is a terribly cruel case. You are liable to a fine of £25, but the Bench have decided to fine you £5. I hope it will have the effect of making you more careful for the future." Not a word of the fact that, as an alternative to the £25 fine, the callous wretch was liable to three months' hard labour—and deserved it! That the case was "terribly cruel" there was no denying, but what incentive has any depraved individual guilty of such cruelty to be "more careful for the future" if he can count upon such misplaced leniency as that displayed by the Fleet Fen Magistrates? Even where imprisonment is awarded it is frequently dealt out with far too light a hand. At Petersfield, Hants, not long ago, three young ruffians pleaded guilty to gross cruelty to cats. The poor animals had suffered horribly. One of the defendants had seized a cat by the tail, three times dashed its head violently upon the ground, and finally flung it, still alive, into a dustbin containing hot ashes. In a second case, the same man had deliberately poured petrol down a cat's throat, while it was forcibly held by his two companions. One month's hard labour, instead of three, rewarded each of these devilish exploits. At Reading, a cow, belonging to a local farmer, was found by the police in such a revolting state of neglect that it could not be driven along the public road to the merciful release of the knacker's yard, the spectacle being wholly unfit for the public gaze. After a recital of the facts, too disgusting for publication, the Reading Bench fined the callous farmer £12 12s.—and this, forsooth, because they considered it "a very bad case of cruelty."

Performing Animals.

That a great deal of cruelty is involved in the training of animals for stage purposes is, to my mind, beyond question, and I am not impressed by the statements to the contrary that have recently been made by certain eminent showmen. In this connection, and, as far as dogs are concerned, a great deal of excellent work has been done by the National Canine Defence League. In many instances the tortured animals have been removed from the custody of their selfish owners, and it is to be wished that Magistrates would make wider use of their authority in this respect. At any rate, it is satisfactory to see that public opinion is at last aroused to a sense of responsibility in this matter. The records of R.S.P.C.A. convictions testify in the plainest manner to cruelties at public performances, and it is painfully obvious that brutality in the process of training is still more likely to occur. Moreover, the cramped and unhealthy conditions under which these poor creatures exist must also be borne in mind. Patrons of popular amusements should evince in unmistakable manner their disapprobation of these unnatural animal "turns."

An Infamous Traffic.

Again, if the Englishman's boasted love of animals is to be counted more than a hollow tradition, the whole nation must rise up in protest against the horrors associated with the worn-out horse traffic to the Continent. I cannot do better than quote the words of the Secretary of the National Equine Defence League, whose admirable work in this connection has received too little public recognition. "Poor brutes, whose working lives are over, horses suffering pain, animals which it would be kindness to kill, are subject to all the callous cruelty of this infamous trade. I have eye-witnesses' accounts of the arrival of horses at Antwerp, with flesh raw and bleeding, some taken off the boat dead, and others which had to be killed in the streets." Surely only public ignorance can account for the continuance of these atrocities. The assumption that the British people are indifferent to such horrors inflicted upon dumb and defenceless beings implies a depth of inhumanity which, thank God, we have not touched.

STRANDED SEAMEN.

DEPRIVED OF PAY FOR SEVEN MONTHS.

The case of the barque *Launberga*, owned by the Cape Lines, Limited, of Cape Town, is a distressing one from the point of view of the crew. This vessel arrived at Hull from South Africa on August 29th last, and the men were informed that they would be paid off two days later. No cash, however, was forthcoming, and the men, together with the Captain, learning that no funds were available, issued a writ and had the vessel placed in arrest. In October the case came before the High Court of Admiralty, when Mr. Justice Hill made an Order for the sale of the ship. Twice she was put up for auction—first on December 2nd, and again on the 2nd of last month—but the reserve price fixed by the Admiralty was such as to prevent a sale. In the meantime, the Captain and the crew are without their pay, and some of them have been reduced to the necessity of seeking parish relief. A peculiar point in the situation is that in no circumstances can the men leave the ship without imperilling their claim for wages. Neither can they safely sign any document agreeing to be paid off, except before a Shipping Master at a Board of Trade Office, and then only on receipt of their money in full. One might think that the brokers acting for the Marshal of the Admiralty, Messrs. Lachlan & Co., could have secured an offer by this time, but their efforts in this direction have so far failed. In the interim, the Captain and the men are enjoying the unique experience of living aboard what amounts to a derelict ship, and, in some cases, securing the necessaries of life only by favour of the local authorities.

LUNATICS AT LARGE.

THE CAMBERWELL BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

In November, 1914, Mr. Arthur J. Askew, being unable to serve in the fighting forces, did the next best thing. Replacing a man who went on War Service, he became a temporary Relieving Officer for Lunacy, under the Camberwell Board of Guardians, a post for which he was well qualified by several years' service under the Lambeth Board. He worked arduously during the war, forgoing his annual holiday for the whole five years; moreover, in spite of heavy overtime, he received no extra pay. His predecessor never returned to claim the post, and recently the Guardians, deciding to make the appointment permanent, advertised the position. Mr. Askew, of course, applied. The Finance Committee recommended him, but the Board refused to confirm this—although they had given him a high-falutin' testimonial. In his stead they appointed an ex-Police Officer, already in receipt of a pension—a wholly inexperienced man and not even a resident in the parish. In these circumstances Mr. Askew appealed to the Ministry of Health, who questioned the appointment; nevertheless the Board persisted in installing the Police Pensioner, who is prevented from acting as Relieving Officer through the disapproval—at which, we are sure, few patriotic citizens will cavil—of the Ministry of Health. Meanwhile, Mr. Askew is dismissed and relegated to the hapless ranks of the unemployed. Thus the incarcerated lunatics of Camberwell are without the services of an officer—while those lunatics at large, the Board themselves, continue to victimise an excellent public servant. It is scandalous injustice.

HOMES FOR ANGELS.

TURNING ENGLISHMEN'S "CASTLES" INTO PRISONS.

If any Magistrate is ever in doubt about a suitable punishment to award, he might consider trying "Two months in Cleethorpes" as an alternative to a fine. The Council there have built some houses and the tenants are never likely to forget it. The rent must be paid on the nail and in advance. The careful body who does her own washing gets Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for the dreadful deed, and anything not finished then must wait till the next week! Woe unto the slacker who sweepeth not his chimney once per annum, while the tenant who does not cultivate both back and front gardens properly is asking for trouble with ragged edges. Every Tuesday morning, wet or fine, full or empty, the dustbin must be carried outside for observation or treatment by the Council scavengers. These Englishmen's castles must be open for inspection at such times as it pleases the Council to inspect, or display to prospective tenants and neighbouring public bodies, and the hapless tenants are kept constantly on the jump, not knowing whether the double-knock is an inspector or the greengrocer. Among other "Don'ts" is a prohibition against taking in lodgers, temporary or permanent. Dogs, cats, birds, or other pets are "nuisances." Nails must not be driven into the walls on pain of removal and "making good." Any tenant who paints or papers his domicile without submitting proposals has the obnoxious stuff cleaned off or torn down. However, the rents of these model "homes" for the workers are so high that no working man can pay them.

DREAMY DAN OF BECKENHAM.

INCANDESCENT MANTLE OF MODERN PROPHET.

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WARMHEARTED JUSTICE.

VALOUR RECOGNISED BY BENCH OF MAGISTRATES.

In a case in which he has had to adjudicate with his colleague, Mr. F. J. Sansom, Dr. J. H. Thomas, of Barrow, gave an example of magistracy at its best. The defendant, a Halifax man who fought in South Africa and was wounded at Mons, was arrested and charged with being in affiliation arrears since 1912. He has been ill for some years, and worse since he came out of the Army. For some reason unexplained, he had not a pension and no means of paying the money. Many Magistrates would have sent him to gaol. Mr. McEreth, a Halifax solicitor, wrote giving the man a good character, and Dr. Thomas announced that in the opinion of the Bench he was entitled to a pension, that he deserved to have one, and that they would see he got one, out of which he must make arrangements to pay the woman. He was "too good a man to go to gaol"—and so they paid his return fare to Halifax.

THE LAW OF THE HOUSE.

A QUEER CASE IN A SUSSEX VILLAGE.

Cases under the Rent Restrictions Act frequently bring out the fact that it is sometimes the landlord, not always the tenant, who is entitled to equitable protection. We have before us some papers on this side of the story in a case in which Mr. C. W. Somerset, the author, was concerned. He had bought a house at Ditchling for the benefit of his wife's health. It was in the possession of a woman who paid a rent of £5 a quarter. She lives with her sister at Renwick, Worcester, and meanwhile lets the Ditchling house to a sub-tenant at 25s. a week. "On the general aspect," said the Brighton County Court Judge, "there were many circumstances which, if alternative accommodation were available, would dispose him to give the plaintiff the benefit." As things were, he refused an Order for possession. The Court of Appeal upheld the decision for another reason; they held that the tenancy was a yearly one beginning in June and could therefore be determined only by six months' notice ending in that month. Thus the plaintiff is kept out of a house he badly needs for his wife's health, while the defendant, living in another house, makes a handsome profit by sub-letting. Which is assuredly inequitable.

In the Black Cat Cigarette advertisement in a recent issue particulars were given of a number of interesting free gifts offered to purchasers. One of these refers to a cigarette case, beautifully finished in black enamel, with gilt interior and holding 16 cigarettes. This gift is given in exchange for 150 front panels of the 6d. size and other sizes in proportion. By mistake, the figure "1" was dropped, making it read as if it was given for 50 panels. A complete illustrated catalogue of gifts will be sent to any JOHN BULL reader who writes Carreras, Ltd., City Road, London, E.C., mentioning this paper.

A SHAMEFUL SLANDER.

A PARSON'S ASPERSIONS ON THE RHINE ARMY.

Since the poet Coleridge visited Cologne and "counted two-and-seventy stenches, all well defined, and several stinks," no more bitter attack upon that Rhineland city has been uttered than that recently launched by the Rev. W. Talbot Hindley when preaching at a church at Holloway. Mr. Hindley visited Cologne on behalf of the Soldiers' Christian Association, and, as a clergyman of the Church of England and, an Army Chaplain in the Territorial Force, was made welcome by the Principal Chaplain and his assistants, the various British religious institutions, the Army authorities, and the British community in Rhineland as a whole. Upon his return he made what cannot be described as other than a savage onslaught upon the persons and institutions by whom he had been entertained. Cologne, as a German city, may be the sink of iniquity he made it out to be; but when the reverend gentleman went so far as to charge the Army Chaplains there with neglect of duty, and the authorities with offering inducements to sin; when he made specific statements to the effect that a certain unit of the Rhine Army had ninety-five per cent. casualties through venereal disease; that the British cemetery is largely filled with the graves of suicides and victims of disease, and, finally, that the Y.M.C.A. in Cologne is contributing to the ruin of England because, forsooth, it provides dances, whist drives, concerts and Sunday kinemas for the troops, he uttered what we fancy he will find it very difficult, if not impossible, to prove. As a matter of fact, his allegations have been promptly denied in the Rhine Army Paper, and described as "inaccurate, insulting, and grossly unfair." If Mr. Hindley has allowed his religious zeal to run away with him into the dangerous paths of exaggeration, he could not have done this country a greater disservice. The possible effect of such shocking charges on the minds of the mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts of soldiers serving in Cologne can more easily be imagined than described, and no time should be lost by the Government in publishing a statement to remove the unhappy impression the Rev. Mr. Hindley's appalling accusations have made.

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FOOTBALL CUP SCANDAL.

ASSOCIATION COUNCILLORS' MEETINGS AT THE SEASIDE.

THE fact that the fourth round matches of the English Cup Contest were attended by 185,000 spectators is an indication of the hold that football retains upon the interest of the British public. But it is probable that the minds of many enthusiasts would be greatly perturbed if they knew exactly what is going on behind the scenes. In the circumstances, we feel it our duty to publish the facts—not because we delight in scandal, but in the interests of honesty and fairplay. The merits or demerits of professionalism in sport we are not at the moment prepared to discuss. That a vast section of the public delights to witness these elaborately staged contests goes without saying. It is recognised, of course, that there is a commercial side to the game; that the players are not out for their health, and that behind the huge "gates" received at League and Cup Tie matches lies the possibility of large financial profits. It is because we know the intense interest taken in football by a vast section of our readers that we now propose to throw a little light upon matters usually concealed from the public eye.

FOOTBALL FINANCE.

Under existing rules, the Football Association demands and receives, in respect of administrative expenses, a commission of 5 per cent. upon the gate money at all Cup Tie matches. In the aggregate, these sums represent a vast accumulation of money. In the season 1919-20, the Cup-Tie contests brought the huge sum of £19,337 into the Association coffers, while in the current year the figure of £20,000 has already been passed before the Semi-Finals have been played. In the case of replayed matches, the Football Association actually demands a third of the gross receipts, which, after allowing for all expenses, leaves an enormous sum at the disposal of the Association. It is estimated that in the current year as much as £11,700 has been received in this way. Moreover, the closing stages of the contest—when public enthusiasm reaches its climax—are sure to add immensely to the receipts of the controlling body. It is not, of course, suggested for a moment that there is anything in the nature of wrongful conversion, or that the Association are using any part of the money for purposes other than those connected with the game; nevertheless, the football-loving public are entitled to ask the Conucillors for an acconnt of their stewardship and to inquire as to the disposal of the vast sums of money which they themselves provide. The cost of admission to big football matches, more especially to the reserved seats, has shown a steady increase in recent years. Many of the Clubs lie under an imputation of profiteering that ought in justice to be transferred to the shoulders of the Association. Patrons are, at any rate, clearly entitled to call for a detailed explanation of the financial methods employed, and for some particulars of the lavish disbursements of the Football Association Councillors, whose heavy toll upon the gate money is a principal factor in keeping up the cost of the game to a none too prosperous public. Recently, when Southend United met Tottenham Hotspur in a Cup Tie match, they provided accommodation for 20,000 spectators, but at the same time advertised front seats at a guinea, while fixing the average price of admission at five shillings a head. The result was that only about 11,000 people attended. Instead of remonstrating with the Southend Club upon what was in effect a gross imposition upon the public, the Football Association coolly took its 5 per cent. of the £3,000 which was taken at the gate. On the same day, similar profiteering was noted at Luton, Plymouth, and Hull, and in a lesser degree at Everton, where the Association again netted a substantial share of the proceeds. No wonder the football public are becoming disgusted with the conduct of their favourite game.

WHERE IS THE MONEY?

Upon a consideration of the foregoing facts, it need hardly be said that the grossest extravagance characterises the administration of the game by the Football Association. Before the war, when the public zest was at its height, the Association built up a considerable Reserve Fund against emergencies; but it is believed that the whole of this has been frittered away, and the Councillors have recently turned a deaf ear to certain charitable appeals to which they would surely have responded eagerly if there had been cash available. It is quite useless, apparently, for an ex-professional player who has fallen upon evil times to appeal to the Association. At this very moment, if report speaks truly, there are several hundreds of these poor fellows walking the streets in circumstances of actual privation. Many who have devoted the best years of their life to professional football are now sorely in need of financial assistance to give them a new start in life. A few hundred pounds judiciously distributed amongst these men from the swollen funds of the Football Association would be a god-send to the recipients, and remove a standing reproach from the Association's record. Nothing of the sort is ever done.

COUNCILLORS' "JOY RIDES."

What becomes of the money? As far as we can discover, by diligent enquiry, a great part of it is distributed in sheer waste, largely in the personal entertainment of the Councillors who are constantly travelling about the country on first-class expenses to discharge duties which, under a more economical scheme of administration, might very well be performed by the Clubs themselves. In these circumstances, however, the Councillors would lose their joy rides. Festive gatherings at the Football Association's headquarters in Russell Square and summer meetings at the principal seaside resorts, together with the costly services of superfluous officials, account in no small measure for the vast absorption of public money involved in the administration of the Football Association. It is the duty of the Association, as the governing body of the game, to provide entertainments for the public at the cheapest rate compatible with a good sporting quality. In the discharge of this elementary task it has lamentably failed. At the moment there is a strong disposition in certain clubs to call for a general audit of the Association's finances—if not, indeed, for a Committee of Investigation. The demand is one which should have the intelligent support of the sporting public, whose interests are practically affected as often as they pass the turnstiles. It should be easily possible so to alter the relations subsisting between the F.A. and the affiliated clubs as to remove most of the friction that at present threatens to destroy the amenities of the national game.

THE EVER-OPEN DOOR.

HUN "TURNS" BEGINNING TO SNEAK BACK.

Do the British people want Hun variety artistes? On a hundred stages the management has declared that no enemy will be knowingly engaged. The Variety Artistes' Federation stipulates that no turn shall be booked until an agent has seen the show. Why, then, are agents booking for long tours in Britain many foreign acts which they have never seen? Is it that Fraulein Pumpernickel, with fat shapeless figure and wooden smile, has powerful friends over here? Or will "Herr Schwankenheimer's Trained Troupe of Schwein-hunds" be a more paying thing than a British turn with its 10 per cent. commission? One North-country agent has so short a memory for the bloodstained record of this Hun horde that he showers contracts on them, apparently "seeing" their show by wireless. Still, if our authorities are asleep to the fact that a British contract is an infallible method of obtaining a passport, and if our agents and managers have such poor sense of fitness, the public which applauded so vigorously sentiments of condemnation, and hissed so heartily any reference to the Hun, will know how to deal with these smirking "friends" when they re-appear.

"A SIGN OF INSANITY."

CURIOUS CASE OF AN EX-SOLDIER.

The fact that William Eileens—convicted at Hull for illegally drawing unemployment pay while he was a member of the Hull and Barnsley railway police—had managed, during the War, to re-enlist in the Army as many as five times after he had been discharged as physically unfit, was cited by his counsel as "a sign of insanity." But what about the sanity—or efficiency—of the Army doctors? That he has been, and is still, mentally and physically deficient appears proved by the evidence when, with "bowed head and trembling hands," he stood dejectedly before the Hull Magistrates, humbly pleading guilty. He was "off duty" about a third of the time that he served in the police force, and evidently thought he was therefore entitled to the unemployment pay, while the full pension allotted to him was "improperly stopped" about a year ago, and though nominally restored on appeal quite recently has not yet been paid. Unfortunately, however, previous convictions told against him, and he was given two months' imprisonment. Not a harsh sentence as it stands, perhaps, but one that assuredly will only aggravate what seems a piteous and distinctly "difficult" case.

THE TRIALS OF A NEUTRAL.

COSTLY VENTURE OF A FRIENDLY DANE.

There is at present staying in England a Danish subject who, towards the end of 1915, had the unpleasant experience of being tried for his life as a suspected German agent. Arriving in London on legitimate business, he was arrested and taken to Scotland Yard. After being detained four days and nights, he was measured and photographed, and, finally, was conveyed to Wandsworth Prison and placed in a cell. He was ultimately tried by Court-Martial, was pronounced innocent, and released. We cannot blame the authorities for their patriotic over-zeal. However, in this particular instance our friendly Dane does consider that he has a legitimate claim against the Government. It is not so much the eleven weeks in gaol, when, though innocent, he was treated as a convict—the effect upon his health and business was disastrous, the cost of his defence alone amounted to £500. We think neutrals cannot reasonably complain if they should be caught up in the implacable machinery of warfare, and subject to inconvenience, discomfort and financial loss. Nevertheless, our friendship with the Danes is of such a character that we could wish an exception might be made in this case.

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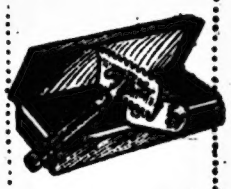

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Dear Mr. Illingworth,—I know accidents will happen in the best regulated Departments, but this is really beyond a joke. I happen to be in possession of a telegram, which, handed in at Tilbury Dock at 6.35 p.m., on March 4th, was received at the Central Office, London, at midnight, and delivered at Barking by the postman with the morning letters. This scandalous delay caused a whole night of acute anxiety to a group of anxious relatives. If that is an example of "the most efficient system of telegraphs in the world," as you described it in a recent speech, Heaven help those who suffer under others!

John Bull.

To the Chairman, Petty Sessions, Ilkeston.

Sir,—You recently had before you an Irish person, whose reported conduct was asking for trouble. He had the playful, if dangerous, habit of addressing passers-by as "English pigs." One of the said "pigs," a policeman, after being so insulted, gave the fool a chance, and advised him to go home. Whereupon this genial Hibernian spat in his face, called him a "b—— English swine," and subsequently kicked him in the jaw. When he appeared before you to answer for this assault among other misdemeanours, you put him on probation for 12 months! I presume, if he ever does anything really naughty, you will fine him at least five shillings.

John Bull.

To W. F. Loveday, Esq., Borough Surveyor, Stoke Newington, N.

Dear Sir,—Last November, a number of ex-Service men obtained permission to open a street market in Stoke Newington. The market supplied a want for the poorer classes, kept down profiteering by the local shops, and found the men a job in this land which was, we were told, to be made fit for heroes to live in. But times are hard, and one by one the original thirty dwindled to six, who are still trying to keep their wee flags flying. As might be expected, these poor fellows have got a little in arrear with their rental of 3s. 6d. a week. You have threatened them with eviction. Surely your Borough might remember that to these lads and their comrades is due the fact that it is still an English borough. At any rate, it would be a gracious and grateful act to let them retain their stands free till times improve.

John Bull.

To Sir Thomas Lennard, Chairman of Magistrates, Bristol.

Sir,—You recently had before you an old man charged with grossly indecent conduct with two boys, six and nine years old. He was found guilty. You were entitled to express sorrow that a man of education should have been guilty of such conduct, and to remember his age. But you apparently forgot that two kiddies had been smirched in body and stained in mind by his filthy acts and disgusting communications. Binding over in £10 for six months and mulcting him in two guineas costs is misguided and undeserved leniency.

John Bull.

To Mr. F. G. Hannent, Kelling, Norfolk.

Dear Parish Councillor,—You are, I believe, bailiff to the Squire of Kelling, and are inclined to boss the show in your district. When an application from an ex-Service man for a small holding came up before your Council for consideration, you seem to have moved heaven and earth to prevent its proper consideration, going so far as to threaten that if any more land was taken for small holdings in Kelling, your gov'nor would lay down 400 acres to pasture and sack all bricklayers, carpenters, painters and labourers on the estate. Why should you try to prevent a man who served from obtaining a little bit of the land for which he fought?

John Bull.

To the Rev. A. J. Conibear, Secretary, Federation of Free Churches, Tavistock.

Dear "Wee Free,"—You are very characteristic of your Conference, and your Conference is very characteristic of you. In the first place, I note they have passed a resolution that "it would be in the best interests of the nation" if the electoral and civil rights taken away from the unconscionable "Conchies" were restored to them at once; and, in the second place, you had the face to suggest that mothers and fathers should "obliterate from every home the box of tin soldiers and horrible pictures of victories, and substitute tiddleywinks or anything else." I hereby take leave to remind you that, except for those victories, a Hun would probably have been substituted for you, and supposing you had been the only person concerned I also take leave to say that you would have been no loss to the nation. There is more patriotism in the common cockroach than in such piffling pulpiteers as you.

John Bull.

To T. T. Anderson, Esq., J.P., and Councillor Ayre, J.P., South Shields.

Gentlemen,—Yours was a fine example to magistrates throughout the country when you refused to grant an Ejectment Order against John Lowden, a man who had fought and been broken in the war. This poor fellow had been unfit to work for many weeks, while, through some Pensions Office muddle, he had become almost destitute. "This man has been away fighting for you landlords," you said, when adjourning the case for five weeks. "It is a pitiful case . . . we would not be worthy of our position if we granted an Ejectment Order." Bravo, gentlemen! Would there were more like you on the Bench!

John Bull.

To the Rt. Hon. T. J. Macnamara, M.P., Minister of Labour.

Sir,—I will thank you to look into the case of Walter Hammond, of 72, Beech Street, Crewe. He says he voluntarily enlisted in 1915, subsequently fought in Egypt and France, was demobilised in 1919, obtained employment on the L.N.W.R., lost his job at the end of last year through no fault of his own, has been unable to obtain employment since, and that the Local Officer declined to grant him unemployment benefit because he refused an offer of work on 16th February last. That offer of work, he alleges, was made by the Crewe Labour Exchange, who wanted him to "go from house to house to offer metal polish," and this, not for wages, but "for what he could make." No wonder he refused so degrading a job. In his case you would have refused it yourself.

John Bull.

To Hay Halkett, Esq., Metropolitan Magistrate, Lambeth.

Dear Mr. Halkett,—I have hitherto regarded you as a Magistrate who uses his tongue for its proper purpose—which is that of talking sensibly or saying nothing. Now I find you opening your mouth only to put your foot into it. I suppose a woman can't help being Welsh; and I also suppose that if she can speak Welsh better than she can speak English she will naturally speak it—yet when a Welsh woman appears in your Court I find you reported as saying to her, "Speak English; I cannot understand that awful gibberish of yours." You tried to say something clever; you only succeeded in saying something silly, and also giving a display of shocking bad manners. Don't do it again. You ought to know better, and you do know better. Politeness is always cheaper than rudeness.

John Bull.

In the Barber's Chair - - - - - Mr. Justice Darling.

Good evenin', sir. Mild fur March, ain't it? This chair's disingaged. Shavin'? . . . Cert'n'y. Well, ow's the state o' crime, sir? . . . *You don't want to talk shop?* An' I don't blame yer. It's a thing I avoids meself, as fur as possible. But most professional men 'ave a failin' thet way, I've noticed. Thet's one reason w'y I shuns other gents in my line. Ten to one their conversation works round to soap. But there's so few men who's got int'rests outside their perticler job . . They ain't all like you, sir. . . . *Wot do I know about chew?* Well, rumours git round, Mister Darlin', an' the papers talk. F'rinstance, there's thet fine poem you've wrote: "At the Abbey Gate." Thet's w'ere you beat me. I never wos no 'and at po'try, although I don't mind tellin' you I've turned out a saucy Limerick or two in me time. But they don't count. Then I'm told you're great on pic'shers. I don't mean the movies, but the sort wot's hung in galleries. I 'ave 'eard as you're a regular canooser, a bloomin' authority on paintin'. My wife's youngest brother does a bit in thet line, in the dry weather. But I shouldn't call 'im a artis'. I don't know as I should even call 'im a tradesman. In fac' I 'eard a pal of 'is wot's in the joinery tell 'im one day thet paintin's a disease, not a trade. Thet started an argument wot 'ad to be settled by a pleeceman. . . . *You wish the case 'ad come before you?* I don't doubt it, me lord. I know you're keen on *h*interestin' *h*actions—an' I've noticed you manage to git 'old o' the most juicy ones. Talkin' about juicy cases, me lord, I must say I admires your decision to release jurywomen w'en the evidence is likely to be a little too 'ot. I agrees with you thet it ain't necessary for the ears of a respectable woman to 'ave to listen to some o' the 'orrible things wot come out in Court. It shows you've got a proper feelin' fur the ladies, an' I 'ope your brother Judges will work on the same lines. . . . Now, sir, between you an' me, wot about the Lord Chief Justiceship? . . . *Wot do I mean; wot about it?* Well, is it comin' your way? . . . P'r'aps I ought not to question you, me lord, but, believe me or believe me not, I say there ain't a better man for the job. . . . P'r'aps you *'aven't* got the majestic appearance o' Lord Readin', but I reckon a full-bottomed wig will put the wind up anybody wot 'as to look at it from the dock, 'oever wears it. Wot's a darned sight more important then that, to my mind, is the fac' thet you've gotter sense o' humour an' a real human touch. So I 'ope you'll be the next Lord Chief, me lord. I don't see w'y the job should always be worked on Party political lines. Let it go to the best man, an' I reckon thet's *you!* . . . Well, goo' day, me lord. I'm much erbliged, I'm shore, an' I hope you'll recommend me to yer friends.

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THE more I reflect upon the remarkable result of the East Woolwich Election, the more am I impressed with its epoch-making importance. Once again, a great British industrial constituency has shown unmistakably that it has no use for the airy theories of Socialism; and this has set me thinking about the whole future of the Labour movement in this country—a theme of the greatest practical importance and one which must command the sympathetic interest of every well disposed citizen. As regards Woolwich I have already written at length, and have no wish to labour the argument. I want, however, to make it clear that in attacking Ramsay Macdonald's political record and offering the strongest opposition to his election as a Member of Parliament, I was animated by no sort of hostility to the cause of Labour, if by that phrase is meant the interests and aspirations of the British working man. On the contrary, my sympathies are most strongly with those classes of the community who, in the familiar phrase, earn their living by the sweat of their brow. And there is scarcely any length to which I would not go within the limits of reason and patriotism to add joy and comfort to their drab and irksome lives. Nor have I the least objection to the existence of a distinctive Parliamentary Labour Party—far from it. What I deplore about the present Labour group at Westminster is the feebleness of its policy and the utter lack of Parliamentary skill and knowledge evinced by the majority of its members. There are few things of which the present House of Commons stands more sorely in need than a strong and effective Labour Party, able to voice in authoritative accents the feelings and aspirations of that large section of the population upon whose daily labour our industrial and commercial prosperity depends. That we need such a Party is certain, and it is a short-sighted policy that would endeavour to check its growth or maim its influence. Rather it should be the aim of every patriotic citizen to work for its establishment, upon broad independent lines; and as a step in this direction I should welcome the conversion of the present Labour group into an instrument of greater authority and power. Let us examine the situation and see what is required.

A Labour Government in Sight.

By this time my readers must be growing familiar with the policy and purposes of the Independent group, lately reinforced by the adhesion of Major Christopher Lowther, M.P.—one of the most promising of the younger members of the House of Commons—and the election of Sir Thomas Polson—of whom we shall hear a good deal. Indeed, these are sufficiently denoted by the very word "Independents," and I confess that I look forward to the time when the majority, if not the whole, of the people's elected representatives will go to the House of Commons not tied to any of the old Parties, or bound by stereotyped political pledges, but free to vote upon every public question as it arises, according to the dictates of their hearts and minds. This is the "ideal," and I daresay I shall be told that it is still far distant. Very well; we must work and wait. There is no doubt, however, that the whole tendency of things is in this direction, and I notice that even in the ranks of the Coalition majority there is a growing impatience of the crack of the Party Whip and a disposition on the part of many Members to vote on grounds of principle rather than of Party allegiance. However, the old spirit is still strong, and there will, no doubt, be a considerable period of transition before we attain to anything like the ideal of an "Independent" Parliament. In the meantime, I foresee the present Coalition succeeded by a Labour Ministry, and that is why I am so sincerely desirous of keeping extremists and faddists out of the present Labour group. We do not want any of those sloppy "internationalisms" and abstruse economic theories which up to now have passed muster as the political philosophy of Labour. It is obvious, for instance, that at Woolwich a great number of workers preferred to vote for Captain Gee, a man of their own class with a fine record of patriotic service, rather than for Ramsay Macdonald, whose sole recommendation as a politician was that he had digested the theories of Carl Marx and other German Socialists instead of taking the trouble to think out a sane and practical policy for British Labour. As I say, I believe the time has come for the establishment of a new Labour Party upon broad patriotic lines, and I shall be glad to do all in my power to assist a development that I believe to be in the direct line of true political progress. But, whoever essays the task, certain bedrock principles must be borne in mind. We want no more crank movements. The first requirements are a due allowance of solid British commonsense and the refusal to allow men of doubtful patriotism to climb into positions of power and influence. What sort of a policy would a Labour Government evolve? Well, I think it would have little use for the stupid catchwords that are doing duty on a thousand platforms. I never hear the exponents of Labour policy in the House of Commons bandying about such words as "Proletariat," "Class-consciousness," "Surplus value," and the like, without wondering why on earth they cannot talk plain English and leave these abstruse economic terms to the professors of the "dismal science" of economics. The fundamental fallacy of the present Socialist Labour Party is in assuming that the lot of the workers cannot be improved or full justice done to them without the complete overthrow of what they are pleased to call the "capitalistic system." The results of this mischievous theory, pushed to its logical conclusion, have been seen in Russia, where Communism has replaced capitalism to the accompaniment of horrors unparalleled in the history of Europe. When the Labour theorists declare that "capitalism is the enemy" they utter an economic falsehood. There is not

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a vestige of truth in the assumption. If uttered by those who know better such a statement is almost criminal, calculated as it is to fan the smouldering embers of discontent into the red flame of revolution. The plain truth is, as every man of commonsense knows, that every injustice which the British working man is suffering to-day can be remedied by sound constitutional means, without anything like the dramatic overthrow of existing institutions that so often figures in the perorations of the wilder Labour leaders. Take the question of wages. If I am asked what reward the working man should receive for his labour, my reply is "As much as ever the industry he is employed in can stand, subject to a reasonable return upon the capital and enterprise engaged." And in the question of hours the same commonsense principle should apply. Let the working day be prolonged no further than is necessary for the maintenance of the industry upon a stable footing and the assurance of satisfactory rewards to the joint agencies of labour and capital. I would go still further and admit the justice of the Labour demand for a share in the management and control of industry, and I am watching with particular satisfaction certain interesting experiments in this direction that are at present under way. In my judgment, this line of advance is a distinctly hopeful one, and I anticipate nothing but good from the admission of the manual workers to a larger share of responsibility and power. My point is, however, that all these reforms and any others that may seem desirable can be brought about through the agency of Parliament without anything in the nature of a revolutionary upheavel. To overthrow the existing industrial system for the purpose of improving the lot of the workers and remedying their grievances would be to emulate the folly of Charles Lamb's Chinaman who burnt down his house to roast a pig. Idealism is all very well, but we must retain our sanity. The future Labour Party must keep its feet on solid ground. To listen to theorists, one might imagine that to refashion the complex industrial system of Great Britain was as easy as for bricklayers to pull down a house and build another from the debris. Alas! it is not so simple. The thing to be borne in mind is that whatever repairs are to be done to the machinery of industry *must be done while the wheels are going round*. We see what happens when a great strike is in progress; and here let me, in passing, record my satisfaction that in the miners' dispute wiser counsels have prevailed, and we are to be spared the wickedness and waste of a national stoppage. We have had experience enough to show that industrial quarrels on the grand scale mean a paralysis of the nation's wealth-producing power which, if prolonged indefinitely or repeated too often, would spell death and damnation. The saner leaders see this, and are using their influence to restrain the more headstrong elements. Sooner or later, I am convinced, there will be a split in the Labour ranks and we shall see men like Clynes and Thomas unmistakably dissociating themselves from hotheads like Williams and Hodge, with whose revolutionary sentiments and theories they really have hardly anything in common. The moderate element might then form the nucleus of the new Labour Party whose potentialities I am endeavouring to foreshadow. I certainly believe there are interesting developments in store.

Patriotism and Principle.

I have spoken of "patriotism" as an essential adjunct of a Labour Party that is to command the confidence of the working masses, and when I say this I speak from deep conviction. Nothing has militated more against the success of the present Labour group in the House of Commons than the suspicion that its members are lukewarm in their respect for those great British traditions that are common to the other Parties in the State. It was this more than anything else that settled the fate of Ramsay Macdonald at Woolwich, and it will be so again as often as men of doubtful patriotism seek the suffrage of the electors. The people have not forgotten—and, I make bold to say, will never forget—those five years of agony during which the flower of our manhood was sacrificed in order that Britain might still hold her head erect among the nations of the earth; and in our generation, at any rate, there will be short shrift for any man who in the time of crisis played the part of the poltroon. If ever the Labour Party is to be the great and powerful engine of social reform that it ought to be, it must consist of men who are patriots first and politicians afterwards; who will place the interests of their country above those of any class, and who will resist to the uttermost any attempt to dissolve the structure of civilised society upon which, in the last resort, the safety and security of every household in the land depends. Added to this, let there be a bold and vigorous policy of industrial and social development, conceived on sane and sober lines, owning no other aspiration than to broaden the bounds of Freedom and distribute justice with an even hand. An organisation on these lines would afford a valuable outlet for industrial discontent and act as a brake on the revolutionary elements which the present feeble and doctrinaire Labour Party has utterly failed to hold in check. It would resolve, by constitutional means, to obtain the redress of every legitimate grievance from which the British working man now suffers, while at the same time sternly setting its face against the gospel of revolution that, translated into practice, would spell the terrors of anarchy and the atrocities of civil war. The growth of such a Party is to my mind among the practical certainties of the future—always assuming that some system of Party Government endures. Meanwhile, I am hoping to see the Independent group so strengthened that the just aspirations of Labour, together with the legitimate interests of every other class in the community, may not lack sound expression upon the floor of the House of Commons. For, whatever faddists may say, it is in the hands of the great and historic "Mother of Parliaments" that the future of the nation rests.

DR. LABOUR: "That's quite right, John; let's keep him on 'The mixture as before.'"

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(*Why try to convert the converted? We have been in favour of the "cat" for such crimes all the time.*)

Marriage Law Anomaly.

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The Monroe Doctrine.

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ADVICE TO INVESTORS.

By OUR CITY EDITOR.

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Home Railway Rally.

Until a few days ago it did not seem possible that anything could arrest the fall in the price of Home Railway securities. They went down and down, and still down. Quotations were not high when the war broke out, for they had been dropping heavily before then, but as compared with 1914 they show a decline of from 40 to 60 per cent. So far the recovery has not made much progress, but it is all to the good that the rot seems to have been stayed for the present and perhaps a better time is now in store for the unfortunate holders.

Justice, Not Charity.

Nothing definite has occurred to account for the change in sentiment, and the improvement may be merely due to the technical position in the market which, if not actually oversold, is very bare of floating stock. Mr. Thompson's strong remarks at the recent Prudential meeting on the subject of treating the railways justly created a profound impression, and in spite of the Colwyn Report, with its fatuous suggestion that agreements might be repudiated—treated as scraps of paper—if they were found to be inconvenient, public opinion has swung round solidly in favour of an honourable settlement with the companies.

Great Western of Brazil.

Things have not gone well with this company in the past few years, but it has just obtained a revised agreement from the Brazilian Government, under which the rental is reduced by about one half and at the same time permission has been granted to raise rates. It is hoped that there will be no great delay in putting the new rates into operation.

Parent Tyre Disappointment.

In view of the temporary financial difficulties in which the Dunlop Rubber Co. recently found itself, no surprise was occasioned by the postponement of the payment of interim dividends on the preference shares. This has compelled the directors of the Parent Tyre Company also to pass the interim dividends usually declared about this time, but as the Dunlop Co. has been put in funds by the debenture issue it may be hoped that the delay will not be protracted. The Parent Tyre Co. holds over £2,000,000 Dunlop "C" preference shares, on which the dividend will be raised from 7 to 8 per cent. as from September 1st, next.

Anglo-Persian Developments.

As a matter of course, the shareholders in the Anglo-Persian Oil Co. sanctioned the increase of the capital by £10,000,000 in 9 per cent. second preference shares and £3,500,000 has been offered for subscription at par. The shares are undoubtedly an attractive investment considering the yield and the high standing of the company, in which the British Government is the largest shareholder. Besides its interests in Persia and Egypt, the company is carrying out active developments in Trinidad, and it has recently obtained an important concession in Newfoundland.

National Mining Corporation.

This venture was floated towards the end of 1919, and the first report to December last has just made its appearance. It made a gross profit of £81,000, but this is reduced to £22,300 after providing for preliminary and other expenses. This sum will be carried forward, no dividend being proposed.

Heavy Depreciation.

Investments, mainly in Burma Corporation, South African Diamond Corporation, Santa Gertrudis, &c., stand in the books at £906,000, but it is admitted that the depreciation on these holdings exceeds £390,000, so that the position is not exactly comfortable. All the same, the net cash assets amount to more than the present market value of the shares, but there is an uncalled liability of 10s. per share and that undoubtedly helps to depress the price.

Courtaulds.

During last year the capital of this company was increased from four to twelve millions by the issue of bonus shares, but the profits dropped from £2,280,000 to £1,805,000. The outlook appears to be somewhat doubtful owing to heavy imports of foreign silks, probably at prices with which Courtaulds find it difficult to compete. However, the American company, it is said, is now doing better, and perhaps it will be the turn of the English concern next.

Argentine Prospects.

Although permission was granted to the Argentine railways last year to raise their rates this has not been sufficient to counteract the effect of trade depression, and the principal systems show losses of £700,000 to £800,000 in gross receipts, while in some cases net receipts show up still more badly. It is hoped that a further advance in rates will be sanctioned.

Two Canadian Investments.

We have good reports of the Canada Steamship Line and the Dominion Steel Corporation—a purchase of the Common shares of either of which should shortly show gratifying results.

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She cried "Don't keep me on tenterhooks. Is, or isn't it, Toffee de Luxe?"

Now Eucryl's come up on the scene, the dentist's had his day,
For Eucryl's making teeth like pearls and stopping all decay

No brilliance lost, yet less cost
(You'll find 'tis fact, not fable);
So don't delay, but start to-day—
Use Cosmos Lamps and Label.

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The Quality Boot Polish

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Then they delight in "cube and square."

The demon Influenza peeped in, but when he found
The Bovril bottle stood on guard, he couldn't stand his ground.

No whipping, no beating and no eggs to break,
If Creamola you use when a Custard you make.

CREAMOLA
The Queen of Custards.

He may be a "dunce" but it's easy to learn,
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"A Horse, a Horse," King Richard cried,
"My Kingdom for a horse,"
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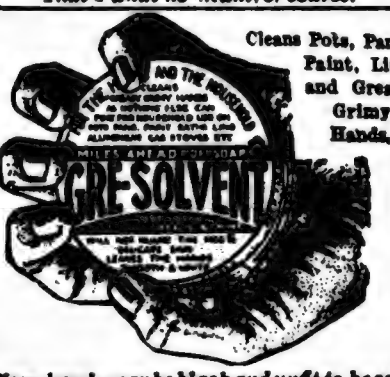

Cleans Pots, Pans, Paint, Lino and Greasy Grimy Hands.

Your hands may be black and unfit to be seen
One minute — Gre-solvent — behold they are clean.

Sharp's Super-Kreem, that's the stuff, there's nothing known to beat it;
The world must be a dreary place to those who do not eat it.

RESULT OF No. 8 COMPETITION.

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BRITO:
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KIWI:
E. SWAINSTON, Blackheath.
COSMOS:
Mr. A. E. LONG, Brighton.
SHARP'S:
Mr. A. A. JACKSON, Ipswich.
GRE-SOLVENT:
J. L. H. CHASE, Chertsey.
IDEAL MILK:
W. H. RIGAN, Bootle, Liverpool.
TURNWRIGHT:
Miss ALLEN, Wandsworth.
WINNER:
A. LUNSDEN, Glasgow.
DRUMMER:
THOMAS S. BUNYAN, Glasgow.
DANO:
Miss E. GYTT, Bishop Auckland.
EUCRYL:
C. R. BAGSHAW, Newton Heath, Manchester.
CREAMOLA:
K. M. MACHERD, Boddam R.S.O.
CLARNICO:
Miss LYELL, Ealing.
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J. BLACKMAR, Eastbourne.
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DRI-PED REG'D

The Super Leather for Soles.

I would not change with anyone, my wealth is quite untold;
I have a fortune in my feet, my boots are "Dri-ped" soled.

See the "DRI-PED" diamond, stamped in purple every few inches on each sole. There is no unstamped "DRI-PED."

TOMMY, JACK, AND BADGERS.

OUR PLEDGE.—"No case of hardship or injustice, no instance of beggarly treatment or mean cheese-paring, shall go unchallenged or unremedied."—*Horatio Bottomley*, 19th August, 1916.

Improve It, Please:—Will whoever is in command of W Block, Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley (the Mental Hospital) please ask himself if his men are not overworked, and if their food is not very poor? If he has a "yap" with his men he may discover other grievances.

If Hard Up:—Any officer who won the V.C. and is unable to earn his living owing to infirmity or age may now, at the discretion of the Army Council, receive an annuity, provided that such annuity, together with any other pension or sum received from public funds, does not exceed £75 per annum. It is good to put the old boys out to grass in the eventide of their lives.

Out of Date:—Bullying and brow-beating by instructors in the Army were supposed to have disappeared in 1914. The officer in command of the R.A.M.C. School of Instruction at Ipswich might inquire as to whether there is severe bullying on the part of his staff instructors, and who the bullies are. We are out to get recruits for the new Territorial Army, and wish to make it plain that this game will not pay.

Stars and "Gongs":—The Scotsman is supposed to look after his bawbees; but many discharged Cameron Highlanders do not appear to hanker after their stars and medals. The officer in charge of Records of the regiment at Perth tells us that he has a large consignment of the same, which he wishes the rightful owners to claim.

The New "Terriers":—We have appealed to our young manhood to join up and complete the strength of our Territorials. Since our appeal we have received a drum fire of letters telling us that the old hands do not respond because they fear that they will be sent out to India if serious troubles crop up there in the near future. What about a reassuring Order on the point?

Brain-Waves:—It is dangerous to pass the War Office now, as some of the brain-waves generated there are strong enough to cause electrocution. The Button, Lace and Braid Department has been hard at work since the Armistice. The Royal Irish Rifles have been designated the Royal Ulster Rifles, much against their own wish. Up to last December the old 60th were the King's Royal Rifle Corps; then the Army Council turned them into the King's Royal Rifles; and now we have another Army Order telling us that once more they will be known as the King's Royal Rifle Corps! What a lot of silly cuckoos at Whitehall we have to pay income and other taxes to support! We presume it is to the same brain we are indebted for having just changed the title "Army Trustee" into "United Services Trustee." Napoleon said we were "an army of lions led by asses," and even to-day that looks correct.

Jack's Money:—The award of salvage money is now ready for distribution in the Department of the Accountant-General for the salvage of s.s. *Oesten* by H.M. Trawlers *John C. Meikle* and *Lark II*, between the 17th and 19th December, 1917. Also for the salvage of s.s. *Iddo* by H.M. Tug *Sprite* and R.F.A. *Steady*, between the 17th and 23rd December, 1917.

Prize Money:—Very many correspondents ask us what surname initials are now being paid out in respect of those entitled to Naval prize-money. The answer is, the whole alphabet. Further, there will be a second share-out when the Prize Courts finish their job.

Our Daily "Thank You":—From M. L., Stoneferry.—"Just a line thanking you for getting me my money. I may mention that I had been trying for it for twelve months, and it did not take you twelve days before I had it. Please accept enclosed for your fund."

RACING NOTES.

(All enquiries in respect of sporting matters will be dealt with in the correspondence columns of the Sporting Life.)

The Lincolnshire Handicap.

It would not be very surprising were Earna and Cornsack to start first and second favourites in the season's first big handicap, and fill the two premier positions in the race. We selected them from the time the weights came out, and see no reason for altering our opinions on the race. Earna having settled down after her visit to Diadumenos is not at all likely to go amiss, and if she can beat Cornsack, we think she will be returned the winner.

The National.

The Bore was one of the half-dozen we took against the field when first discussing the National, and we are prepared to find him standing up and fighting out the finish with whatever wins, though Shaun Spadah pleased us so much at Kempton that we are giving him slight preference. Garryvoe has come well through his preparation, so the Hon. Aubrey Hastings informs us, while Anthony could not be more pleased with his mount—Daydawn.

WEEK'S SELECTIONS.

LINCOLN—WEDNESDAY.
Elsham Plate—WANTON.
Lincolnshire Handicap—CORNSACK, win; EARNA and SENHORA, places.
Doddington Handicap—*NEIL-GIRL.
LIVERPOOL—THURSDAY.
Stanley Chase—SIPPET CHARLIE.
Molyneux Stakes—*CHINESE WHITE.
Liverpool Spring Cup—LORD DERBY'S best, or MONEY GLASS.
LIVERPOOL—FRIDAY.
Bridgeman Stakes—NONENTITY.
Grand National—SHAUN SPADAH, win; THE BORE and DAYDAWN, places.
Bickerstaff Stakes*—THE NIGHT PATROL.
LIVERPOOL—SATURDAY.
Liverpool Hurdle—NOVELLO or NORTHFLEET.
Champion Chase—MAX or RATHER DARK.
Earl of Sefton's Plate—*ALDERSEY.

"The Greatest of These—"

(Registered under the War Charities Act as the John Bull *War Sufferers' Fund.)*

Among the numerous cases we assisted during the week were the following:—

Only Too Common:—An ex-Tommy, without pension, who has failed to find work since demobilisation, has a wife and four nippers. The little crowd was starving and under threat of eviction until we were applied to.

His Chum!:—Another ex-soldier who cannot find employment lost his little child, and his wife is about to be confined. The home is kept up on the £1 a week dole. Fancy it!

Starving:—Another discharged man has failed to find work. He has no income whatever, but poseses a wife and two children. The condition of his "home" when we visited it was beyond description.

Rescued:—Yet another ex-Tommy whose wife is ill. They were starving, they owed rent, and the "bums" were about to throw their few little goods on to the street when we rescued them.

The Savage Life:—A man who served in the war has a wife and family. Unable to obtain work, he secured a bell tent and pitched it in a wood. When we were applied to, we were not surprised to find that they needed food and clothing.

The Widow's Load:—A widow has six small children, one of them a baby. She has no income, and cannot leave her little brood in order to find work. The nest was in a bad way until we came along.

WE LIFT THE VEIL.

Very naturally our supporters wish to know the precise classes of cases to which we send their money. We could fill a whole issue of John Bull if we published a full explanation. But we give a few specimen cases. Many brave fellows when the drums beat and trumpets blared, and powdered and painted ladies on the music-hall stage begged and prayed to our men in song to become soldiers, downed-tools and joined the Army. They went out and did and dared. You often saw some of them home on leave, with their packs, their "tin hats" strapped on, and the working parts of their rifles lovingly wrapped around in canvas. They were stern of the eye, and their boots and great-coats were still grimed with the mud of the trenches. You loved them—egad you did! At the moment you said that nothing could be too good for them, here or hereafter. You saw others evacuated at the London railway termini. We saw you waving handkerchiefs and cheering the newly-wounded of a few hours ago in France, picked off the field, bandaged up, and sent over to the London military hospitals. You more than loved them. And now? Our very commonest letter reads: "I was gassed and wounded. I have a very small pension to keep my wife and kiddies, as I cannot find work. I have sold most of my household goods and pawned everything that the pawnbroker will accept. Will you please help me?" Of course, we help the poor fellows broken in the war for us and made down and out for their splendid loyalty.

And then there are the others who have sold and pawned, those who have had or are immediately to have new-born infants, with no money or clothing ready for the occasion, the victims of the landlord who is about to turn them on to the street, and the others who state that they are looking through the workhouse gate and preparing to enter. A sad picture, is it not? A picture sad beyond words. Caused by the war; and the principal sufferers the demigods—we apply the word even to the road sweeper who volunteered—who offered their lives for us, lived in hell, did deeds that thrilled us, and now—are starving.

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A. D. (Shepherd's Bush).—"Change of front—the election coming." Well, which *is* the front, when the leader is behind?

M. K. (Ghansisland).—Tell the Dutch that a little British red-tape is not half so annoying as a German garrison would have been.

"ANTI-I.L.P." (Newcastle).—Who said we didn't like Gee? We shall always endeavour to be in our seat when we hear the cry in the lobby Gee Up!"

"POVERTY" (London).—"Why condemn foreign goods? Surely you know what rubbish we get if we buy British goods?" Surely we don't—except in some instances.

'FRIEND" (U.S.A.).—"Tell the kids about our darling Union Jack. Make them salute it, make them love it. They make them do so here." It is now done in many schools.

J. C. (Drummore).—"God bless JOHN BULL with peace and plenty, For helping poor folk in their great distress; Draw out his life to ten times twenty, Then slide him through the heavenly gates." It will be interesting to watch St. Peter's face when we go sliding through.

"SCOTTISH WOMAN" (Edinburgh).—"I am glad you give publicity to the actions of so many callous and brutal people." We are glad you are glad, because they certainly are not.

"BULLER" (London, E.).—"Oh, where and oh where have you been?" Are we to account to you for our goings out and comings in?

A. H. (Digbeth).—The sinking of K.5 may have been "a Hun plot," but the tragedy was that, plot or no plot, the Admiralty pigeon-holed for six years a device that might have saved the gallant crew.

C. J. T. U. (London).—If the German wood-workers refused to repair the *Themistocles* rather than "black-leg their British comrades," they must be getting almost human.

"CLIFTON" (Wicklow).—The Dublin Recorder's logic is curious, for even if the son of a Duke has been flogged by the Headmaster of Eton, it doesn't prove that flogging is the punishment to fit all crimes.

J. B. (Helensburgh).—It is a fact that when a passage to the Colonies has been arranged by the Repatriation Authorities the cost is charged to Army funds, whether the ex-Service man takes advantage of it or not.

A. B. D. (Rushden).—"By the way you make things fly." Do you insinuate that we are flighty?

G. A. (Eastbourne).—"I have taken JOHN BULL from Jan., 1918, up to Feb., 5th, 1921." Pooh! that's nothing. We beat you by over six years!

P. W. (Ripon).—As we have always been careful to keep our hair on, we have never had occasion to use a restorer, so can recommend none.

J. B. (Clay Cross).—"It seems as if the German still possesses a humorous turn of mind." He will need all the humour he's got, in view of the latest developments.

Miss A. M. (Norwood) has been on the clerical staff of the Pensions Issue Office for over two years. "Why should ex-Service men be substituted for us? Why give thousands of men work to throw thousands of women on the labour market?" What was her employment before the war?

MRS. R. (Bethnal Green) speaks in glowing terms of the kindly and successful treatment she received at Bethnal Green Hospital.

C. E. S. (Huddersfield).—So the "Endless Chain of Prayer" has started again, has it? "Those that pass it by will meet with great misfortune." Rubbish.

REV. H. S. (Hastings).—Thanks for report of R.S.P.C.A. meeting. Best wishes in good work.

H. A. B. (London).—"A certain firm of engineers refused to give a friend of mine a berth because he was an ex-soldier." Don't think much of a certain firm.

"EX-KILLER" (Hull).—"The patriotic (big business) stunt won't do. Success to Mr. Ramsay Macdonald." Your good wishes were unavailing. The patriotic stunt *did* do—for Ramsay.

J. B. (Hull).—The parson's refusal to sign because his name was not first was perhaps a proof of humility, when we remember that "The first shall be last."

"MACK" (Darlington). — Your "method," having forgotten your season ticket, of pleading "no money on you," would not save you from the risk of the Company refusing to renew the ticket on expiry.

COL. J. E. H. (Hinckley).—"Is it not time that all bonuses were discontinued, and the Ministry of Health also?" We certainly might make a start with the Ministry.

"COLONEL" (Hove) found that a threat to publish his experience with the red-tape of the Telephone Department was sufficient to get the matter settled by return of post. Tell them you are writing to JOHN BULL and watch them break all hustling records!

E. G. (Liverpool).—W. G. Phillips, of 189, Grove Street, Liverpool, writes as though he were quite proud of dealing in German toys, but we don't think it's the sort of thing to make a song about.

A. B. (Durham).—We cannot understand this overweening desire for public recognition should one chance to save a life. To one spectacular rescue there are a thousand unhonoured and unsung.

E. M. (Prestwich).—Afraid you must wear the shoes, although the price pinched you.

"JUNIOR ASSISTANT" (London, S.W.).—"I am paid 25 shillings per week." An educated man of 21, making a good appearance, and with three years' experience of his work! While your municipality pays such wages you would be better off unemployed.

A. E. C. (Ottringham).—We can understand your feeling something like Naboth when you contemplate the loss of half your large allotment. But the claims of others must be considered.

M. (Croydon).—No, *Canada*, the leading Anglo-Canadian newspaper, is an illustrated weekly, and is printed in England.

"CONSTANT READER" (Dunoon).—We applaud the verdict as much as the people in Court did. One of these days we shall have a "not proven" verdict in English law.

"LANCE-CORPORAL" (Doncaster). — What you say is very true, but we have said it time and again in a tenth of the space.

"OPPRESSED" (Glasgow).—£180 a year isn't a lot of money for a trained missionary, but the advt. *does* say "*minimum*" salary. And besides, no missionary of ordinary intelligence would take on the job at that price.

"GREENINK" (London).—"All humbugs keep out of Woolwich. Macdonald for ever!" Macdonald for never, you mean, don't you?

"DISGUSTED" (Hull).—We are o your opinion about the "Save the (Enemy) Children" fund, and have frequently expressed it.

C. J. (Carnforth).—"Is the Mater Grand National Hospital Sweep tickets, Dublin, all right?" We wouldn't swear that anything in Dublin is all right.

"SMALL SHOPKEEPER" (London, W.1).—"It seems to me that in regard to stamp duty on receipts the law is made for the big shops and rich companies to evade." Law is frequently on the side of the rich.

M. L. (Westbourne Grove).—Letter on German toys as published in morning paper received. Don't like second-hand stories.

"A SCOTTISH WIDOW" (Aberdeen).—Perhaps the reason why Parliament will not make marriage with a deceased husband's brother legal is because so many married M.P.s have brothers better looking than themselves.

B. C. (Camberwell).—"I tossed up over a dozen times as to whether I should send the enclosed." Now we know 13 is unlucky.

W. (Gravesend).—"Some of these men deserting their wife and keeping another woman." Sounds as if some women are running male harems!

E. K. (Portsmouth).—"I witnessed a very amusing collision this morning between a Chaplin's Van." Charlie never did strike us as being much of a driver.

F. L. (Burnley).—Some people believe in horses for courses, but evidently Burnley is not a course for a horse, as one was starved to death there and the owner got off with a 20s. fine.

W. L. R. (Liverpool).—Don't see why you should get excited because a daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bloomer. Another Bloomer more or less hardly matters.

H. F. (Aalesund).—"What is claimed of a Norwegian subject with trade licence from his own country, to start business in London, his own or ewt. be shareholder in a new-founded Company?" A sufficient knowledge of the English language, in the first place.

F. C. R. (West Southbourne).—You might be able to obtain the election addresses of the Independent Candidates at Wrexham and Dover from those gentlemen, if you write for them nicely.

F. J. F. G. (Blandford).—The farme' *may* pay only £1 per acre for his farm, but portions of it may be worth anything up to £5 per acre to him. If you were an agriculturist you would understand.

E. R. (Old Sawley).—If you do odd jobs for payment while you are drawing the Out of Work Dole, you must put up with the consequences of having robbed the taxpayers.

P. A. M. (Birmingham).—A happy thought of yours to get your scholars to write an essay on "What Am I?" Did you set an example by writing one on what *you* are?

J. M. M. (West Croydon).—It is obvious that you never went to school in America. Why shouldn't a London firm talk of "rubber 'tires'" if it wants to? It is shorter than saying "made in U.S.A."

S. P. (Surbiton).—If your boy is the man we think he is he will live down what you now consider a terrible disgrace. Cheer up! We have had worse moments.

"EX-SOLDIERMAN" (Suffolk).—Please communicate with our Publisher at 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2.

M. H. (London).—We have made several protests and appeals against performing-animal turns in music halls. They involve cruelty, but it is difficult to prove legally.

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W. G. W. (Birmingham).—"Please send address of Mr. Asquith, as I can assist him to his return to Downing Street." Not likely.

M. D. (Cardiff).—"The law of to-day is not fit to govern cockroaches." You're the sort of woman who would speak disrespectfully of the equator.

REV. H. S. (Hastings).—One of our proudest privileges is to assist in the prevention of cruelty to animals, and we have an idea that our efforts have not been fruitless.

A. E. M. (Rotherhithe).—You had better let the "British Flag" box of marbles, marked "Made in Germany," follow Dr. Simons back to the Fatherland.

"ART" (Sheffield).—"I have sent you a cartoon for the election. How would it go in posters?" It wouldn't. Even a Ford would shy at it.

"SAVE" (Farnham).—There are people who would rather feed and clothe the Huns than our own widows and orphans. It is a good job that some of us keep our heads cool—and our hearts warm!

F. H. W. (New Milton).—Indian Civil Servants who retired prior to 23rd July, 1918, cannot hope for much sympathy from Mr. Montagu. These arbitrary time-limits with respect to improved pensions are absurd.

W. B. (W. Hampstead).—"I would like to see a word or two in your outspoken paper respecting the present Licensing Laws." You have only to glance through our back numbers and you will see quite a lot of words on the subject.

MRS. B. (Whycacomagh, Canada).—You get your full pension as a war widow, but you suffer from the exchange rate. Most people who go to Canada have to pay for it—some of them through the nose.

E. N. B. (Stalybridge).—"About nine years ago I sent you a cutting from the Stalybridge *Reporter*." We must confess we had forgotten the exciting incident.

L. J. (Newport).—The Ebbw Vale Co. might, as an act of grace, have allowed you some compensation for the death of your husband, but so far as we can make out, you have no legal claim against them.

J. W. (On board s.s. *Athenic*).—Granted that the charges made by the United States Consular authorities for *visa*-ing passports of returning New Zealanders are extortionate, but—who on earth wants to land at a dry U.S.A. port?

"CONSTABLE" (Cheshire).—We see nothing out of the way in your Chief Constable's order to keep your thatch short on top. What would you do if you were serving under the Chief Constable of West Sussex, who really *is* hot stuff?

H. L. H. (Shrewsbury).—You have our sympathy, but if you will ignore summonses and do not put up a defence, judgment must go by default. If you don't fight your own battles you can't expect us to do anything.

MRS. J. A. C. (Kilburn).—We note that the Cheltenham Guardians offer £55 6s. for an Assistant Matron, while the West Ham Guardians are offering £66 10s. for a kitchenmaid.

"OLD READER" (Norfolk).—"The agricultural labourers should cry for one man one farm, big or small, which would mean more employment." Useless shedding the bitter tear.

"UNKNOWN" (London).—"Since I introduced my life pills as a remedy to lay the ghost of sin in our new world the great unknown power has kindled the spirits dumb which will make the people Run." What do they run for?

"METHODIST" (Margate).—Go put your creed into your deed, Nor speak with double tongue.

"WAACS" (New York City).—Not at all interested in the lady one way or another. If she was a Waac she was, and if she wasn't she's whacked.

H. A. (Southsea).—"It is about time Dr. Macnamara woke up and served five years in France." Shush! It is costly enough to keep him in London.

W. G. A. (Bayswater).—Simultaneous adverts. for hotels and guests by a "Holidays Bureau" merely means the Bureau gets a bit from both for introducing each to the other.

MRS. B. (Florence).—Thanks for Italian pro-German newspaper. To these scoundrels we reply in their own tongue "Che sara sara!"

L. (Liverpool).—The Directors of S Japhet & Co., Ltd., 20, Copthal Avenue, London, E.C., are S. Japhet (German origin); Lt.-Col. the Hon. Sidney Peel, D.S.O., M.P.; G. Lowenstein (German origin); M. Fontheim (German origin); P. Lindenberg (German origin); and J. H. Newcomb, all British nationality.

MISS A. G. (Cheltenham).—We have not heard that "a certain class of democracy have a system or Masonic sign when they whistle or spit."

"ABSTAINER" (London).—What we want to see is a temperate country, not a pussyfooted teetotal one.

"CHEERIO" (Cardiff).—Tickets are issued only to members of the Calcutta Turf Club, but bankers, stockbrokers, and merchants with a Calcutta agent are usually able to obtain them through a member.

"BRIDGEFORD" (W. Bridgeford).—We have never heard that white hair and pink eyes are "national characterics" of Circassians. White skin and pink eyes are characteristics of albinos, but albinos are not a race.

E. W. (Birmingham).—"A few days before Christmas last, when visiting Ayr on business, the writer called and bought a goose——" Have you any news about the Flood?

C. R. (Scunthorpe).—"One day his wife woke up and said his eleven children were all adopted." What was the husband—a sailor or a rabbit?

"READER" (Swindon).—Was the gentleman being with the lady a scandal? Or your returning their lost case unduly honest? Or the £5 reward enough, too little, or too much? If none of these, we give it up.

"SPORT" (Hounslow).—We see no harm in backing horses if you can afford to do so; but there's many a slip 'twixt the horse and the tip.

MR. F. J. MILLER (of 62, Vincent Square, Westminster, London, S.W.1), the winner of the First Prize of £230 in "Bullets" Competition No. 404, tells us that he had been trying for some time without success, and that the winning "Bullet" was entirely his own idea. Thus, perseverance has been amply rewarded.

(Many replies are unavoidably held over.)

What to do this Easter

If you are looking forward to spending the holiday at garden work, resolve that it shall be profitable garden work.
Don't "mess about." Don't let your vegetables, fruits, and flowers "muddle through" the soil.

GARDENING FOR AMATEURS

A Complete Guide to Gardening all the year round. Showing how to grow Fruit, Vegetables, Hardy and Greenhouse Flowers, Trees, Shrubs, etc.

The Following Instructions for the First Fortnight in April (as Shown in the Work.)

In the Kitchen Garden.—Cauliflowers, thoroughly hardened after wintering in frames, may be planted out on rich soil, a warm showery day being best for this work. Make a sowing of "Autumn Giant" or "Walheren," outdoors on a sheltered border. Sow Salsify, sowing the seeds on deeply worked soil in drills 15 inches apart, and subsequently thin the plants until they stand 9 inches apart. Vegetable Marrow: Sow seeds in pots in an ordinary greenhouse, and do not force the plants any way. "Long Green" and "White" are reliable, but if bush Marrows are required sow "Tender and True." Plant out Onions and Leeks. Sow main crop Carrots; sow early Beetroot on a warm border, risking late frosts for the sake of an early crop; sow Winter Broccoli now to succeed the autumn crop. Sow Winter Greens in the middle of this month. Borecole, Green and Savoy Cabbages, Brussels Sprouts, Sprouting Broccoli, and Couve Tronchuda should all be sown. This work gives full directions for every gardening operation.

In your Fruit Garden.—Water your wall-fruit well even during rainy seasons; the soil for some distance from the wall will be found to be dry. Spray Currant bushes immediately before the buds burst with insecticide, to destroy the pest "Currant Leaf Roller." These directions tell you how to identify it and what to do after the spraying. Gooseberry bushes must be watched closely now and hellebore powder used if Gooseberry Caterpillar shows itself. If the number of bushes affected is small, hand-picking is the best cure. To go back to the greenhouse, you must stop Vine shoots at two leaves beyond the bunch. This pinching or stopping (directions are given as to how it is to be done) should continue as long as the lateral shoots continue to develop. The main stem of young Vines should be allowed to develop to a length of 3 feet before they are stopped. Moisten the floor and walls and close the vinery early in the afternoon.

N.B.—The directions for Vine cultivation in "GARDENING FOR AMATEURS" are so clearly set forth that novices have successfully produced Grapes of the finest quality from these instructions.

Among the Flowers.—Clip Ivy, transfer Snapdragons, prepare empty beds in which summer bedding plants must be put next month, spreading a good dressing of decayed manure or leaf-mould over the surface before digging. Plant Sweet Peas, prune Tea Roses and increase Violets. This work tells you the best varieties and exactly how to do the garden work here briefly alluded to.

Send for FREE DESCRIPTIVE BOOKLET, showing Pages and Pictures from the Actual Work.

What is being said about "Gardening for Amateurs."

MR. J. P. LAWES WARBURTON, Potterne, Devizes, writes:—"I have found 'Gardening for Amateurs' a daily assistant to me. I attribute much of my success to the information gained therefrom; it has enabled me to better my position."

MR. J. M. WILLIAMS, Ruthin, North Wales, writes:—"This is the very book every gardener should be in possession of. It has been very carefully got up. The excellent and instructive articles on ROSES ought to tempt every rose lover to purchase it."

MR. H. J. POLLINGER, Elson, Gosport, writes:—"I consider this publication one of extreme value to amateurs and professionals alike."

GRATIS

POST THIS FORM TO-DAY.

To the WAVERLEY BOOK CO., LTD. (J.B.1. Dept).
96, Farringdon Street, London, E.C.4.

Please send me, without charge, your Free Illustrated Booklet, containing all particulars as to contents, &c., of "Gardening for Amateurs," with specimen pages and actual illustrations; also information as to your offer to send the Complete Work at once for a merely nominal first payment, the balance to be paid by a few small monthly payments, after the delivery of the work.

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

J.B.1.1921 .....

Ponder A While—and £500 may be Yours.

"BULLETS" EASTER EGGS!

HOW TO MAKE "BULLETS."

First chose any of the thirty-two examples given below. Then give **TWO, THREE** or **FOUR** words having some bearing on the example chosen. Any **ONE** of the words selected must begin with any letter in the example chosen. The other words selected can begin with any letters in the alphabet. This example will guide you:—Example: —FAIR FIGHT. Bullet:—FOR SEAT IN PARLIAMENT. Competitors may send in two BULLETS for sixpence. If more coupons are used, an entry fee at the rate of 6d. for each coupon must be sent.

LIST OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 407.

MY EASTER EGG	WHAT BOTTOMLEY PRESCRIBES	OCCUPYING GERMANY	COATS OFF
SIMPLE SIMONS	THE UTTERMOST FARTHING	A MAN'S GAME	KEEPING BABY QUIET
TRICKY	WAY THINGS ARE GOING	NOBODY WELCOMES	ALL WOMEN
TURNING RED	WHAT TOMMY FOUGHT FOR	TOO CHEAP	THE FLAT SEASON
BAD DAY'S WORK	UNDESIRABLE	DAILY GRIND	SINGLE BLESSEDNESS
MOST DISTURBING	FREE COUNTRY	HOW WE KNOW	KEPT IN PLACE
ALL MY EYE	VOICE OF REASON	ODDS AGAINST	HEALTHY SIGN
ONCE UPON A TIME	MY NEXT JOB	WHAT WE DESERVE	GOOD AND TRUE

Closing Date, Thursday, March 31st.

No._____
Example_____
Bullet_____
Example_____
Bullet_____

(407) P.O. No._____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.
With 1 Coupon, send P.O. for 6d.

Signed_____
Address_____

If unable to secure extra coupons you can write your "Bullets" on plain paper.

Closing Date, Thursday, March 31st.

No._____
Example_____
Bullet_____
Example_____
Bullet_____

(407) P.O. No._____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.
With 2 Coupons, send P.O. for 1s.

Signed_____
Address_____

Envelopes should be marked "Bullets" No. 407, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2.

Closing Date, Thursday, March 31st.

No._____
Example_____
Bullet_____
Example_____
Bullet_____

(407) P.O. No._____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.
With 3 Coupons, send P.O. for 1s. 6d.

Signed_____
Address_____

Closing Date, Thursday, March 31st.

No._____
Example_____
Bullet_____
Example_____
Bullet_____

(407) P.O. No._____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.
With 4 Coupons, send P.O. for 2s.

Signed_____
Address_____

Result of Competition No. 405 ("Bullets" Record Offer) will be published in next week's issue.

BULLETS RULES.

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what, in the opinion of the Judges, in consultation with the Editor, is the best "Bullet" received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality.
2. Bullets must be plainly written on one of the coupons, and only two attempts may be written on each coupon.
3. All four coupons may be used, and a postal order enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of, which must be made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed _____ and Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.
4. All coupons arriving too late to be judged with absolute thoroughness will be duly returned.
5. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.
6. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

SELECTION OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 408.

OUR MOTTO	FORGIVE AND FORGET
NOT FAR OFF	A WARM MEMBER
PAY UP	CRACKING UP
MARRIED	NICE TO WIN
ON WRONG ROAD	HELPING
WINNING DOUBLE	A RARE BIRD
CHEERING	REIGN OF TERROR
WIN OR LOSE	NO GENTLEMAN
WISE WOMAN	BETTER OFF
BIG BABY	A HUGE JOKE

These examples can be made use of on the Coupons on this page and must reach us on or before **THURSDAY, April 7th.** All coupons so used **MUST** be clearly marked with the number **408** in the top left hand corner, and envelopes containing these coupons must be addressed "Bullets" No. 408, "JOHN BULL," Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Such coupons must not contain any of the Thirty-two examples for Competition 407.

OUR EASTER GIFT OFFER

A REMINDER

See page 18.

THE JOHN BULL
GREAT FREE
FIRE
INSURANCE
COVERING ALL RISKS BY FIRE TO HOME, LIFE & LIMB

UNDER this most unique FREE INSURANCE OFFER anyone above the age of 10 can be insured irrespective of sex.
The premium charged by any Fire and Accident Insurance Company to secure similar benefits would certainly exceed 5s. per annum. We offer it to you absolutely free.

We have made our insurance as simple and comprehensive as possible, and shall not bother about any "Legal Representative" or "next of kin." Claims will be paid to the registered reader, who must personally sign the coupon, or to the person nominated thereon, and to no one else.
A separate coupon must be filled up in respect to each person to be insured.
This offer applies only to persons residing in, and properly situated in, England, Scotland, and Wales.
The full conditions governing this scheme will be published from time to time.

WHAT WE WILL PAY:

For Damage to contents of Home by Fire up to	£200
In case of Death directly due to Fire at Registered Reader's home	£200
For the Loss of Two Limbs or Both Eyes, or One Limb and One Eye	£200
For the Loss of One Limb or One Eye	£100
Medical Fees for Injuries not proving fatal but incapacitating the injured person from following his, or her, employment, up to ..	£10
In the event of a Temporary Total Disablement up to 13 weeks..	£1 per week

ORDER FORM
To be Retained by Newsagent

To.....Newsagent

Please deliver "JOHN BULL" to me regularly until further notice.

Signed.....

Address.....

March 19, 1921.

You must also fill in the Registration Form which will be found next to this, and post it to JOHN BULL Insurance Dept. 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2, where your name and the name of your nominee will be duly registered.

REGISTRATION FORM
Which must be posted to—
JOHN BULL INSURANCE DEPT., Long Acre, W.C.2.

This is to notify that I have this day placed an order for the regular weekly supply of JOHN BULL with

.....Newsagent, of

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and desire you to register me as a regular subscriber under the terms of your Insurance Scheme.
In the event of my being injured or killed, or of my home or its contents being damaged, I hereby nominate to receive any payment due under this insurance, first myself, or in the event of my death:—

Name of Nominee.....

Address.....

Signature of Insured.....

(Mr., Mrs., or Miss)
Home Address.....

March 19, 1921.

To remain qualified for the benefits, readers must continue to have "John Bull" regularly supplied to them.
Enclose 1d. stamp if an acknowledgment of receipt of Registration Form is required.

CLOSES THIS WEEK! *Biggest Exclusive Football Prize* CLOSES THIS WEEK!

£1,000 FOR ONLY TEN RESULTS

MUST BE WON! ONE THOUSAND POUNDS *For a correct or nearest correct forecast of* ONLY TEN RESULTS!

THIS COMPETITION IS EXCLUSIVE TO "JOHN BULL."

Coupons are not published in various other papers. If you want to win the £1,000 prize

YOU CAN ONLY USE COUPONS TAKEN FROM THIS PAPER.

THE sum of £1,000 will be paid to the sender of a coupon containing the correct results of the 10 matches given. If 10 correct results are not given, the £1,000 will be awarded to the sender of the most correct results, so that in any event the £1,000 **MUST BE WON.** We would advise competitors to make a careful study of football form before filling in their coupons. **Scottish and Irish readers can compete.** Competitors may send in as many coupons as they like.

NO ENTRANCE FEE! NO GOALS REQUIRED!

READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY.

(1) All attempts must be made on coupons taken from the issues of JOHN BULL announcing this Competition. Coupons must be completely filled in with ink in ordinary handwriting (typewriting or pencil will not be allowed) and in accordance with the instructions given on this page.

(2) The sum of £1,000 (one thousand pounds) will be paid to the competitor sending a coupon containing the correct results of all the matches played to a finish. If no competitor succeeds in giving all the correct results, the sum of £1,000 will be paid to the competitor sending a coupon with the most correct results. In the event of a tie or ties, the prize to be won will be equally divided amongst the most successful competitors. No competitor can receive more than one share of the £1,000. Should any match not be played to a finish on the date given, or as set out on the coupon, it will be disregarded.

HOW TO FILL UP YOUR COUPONS.

If you think the "Home" team will win, place a X in the column headed "Home"; if you think the "Away" team will win, place a X in the column headed "Away"; if you think the result will be a draw, place a X in the column headed "Draw." **Only one X must be entered for each match.** Coupons must be completely filled up in ink.

(3) Ten crosses in all must be marked on each coupon, one for each match. Coupons marked otherwise will be disqualified.

(4) No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for the loss or non-delivery of any coupon. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery or receipt. No correspondence will be entered into, nor will interviews be granted.

(5) Any coupon on which an alteration of any kind has been made will be disqualified. Any coupons received later than March 23rd will be disqualified.

(6) The Editor's decision must be accepted as final and legally binding in all matters concerning this Competition, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

Cut out Coupon neatly, and address all entries as follows: **Football Competition No. 21, "JOHN BULL," 25, Floral Street, Covent Garden, London W.C.2.** Write "Football" in top left-hand corner of envelope. All coupons can be enclosed in one envelope, but this must not contain entries for other Competitions.

COMPETITORS MAY SEND AS MANY COUPONS AS THEY LIKE.

"JOHN BULL" FREE FOOTBALL COUPON.

Please Note New Closing Date,

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23.

MATCHES TO BE PLAYED SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH.

Home Team		Away Team	Home	Away	Draw
Blackburn R.	v.	Liverpool			
Manchester City	v.	Burnley			
Middlesbrough	v.	Aston Villa			
Sunderland	v.	Tottenham H.			
Coventry City	v.	Bury			
Leeds United	v.	Bristol City			
Leicester City	v.	South Shields			
Brentford	v.	Northampton			
Brighton & H.A.	v.	Swindon Town			
Norwich City	v.	Watford			

Coupons must be cut—not torn out.

I enter "JOHN BULL" Football Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions on this page and agree to accept the Editor's decision as final and legally binding and enter on that understanding.

(21) SIGNED.....

ADDRESS .....

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£6 6s.; all wool, indigo dyed, London shrunk blue serge suit to measure for ... £3 10s.

officially certified all wool; the greatest value ever offered either since or before the war; we guarantee satisfaction from self-measures or refund cash without question if you disapprove of goods for any reason whatever.—Call or write for free patterns, measure chart, fashion booklet, etc., S. A. Barry and Co., 16, City Road, London, E.C.

A REAL SPRING TONIC.

This is the time of year when many people who have no great reserve of strength, who have thin blood and weak nerves, need a tonic.

How far do you differ from this description, and have you ever made an earnest effort to strengthen your constitution, to build up your system, to ward off disease and discomfort?

Everyone cannot have perfect health, but unless you have an organic disease it is generally possible to improve your physical condition by attention to the rules of health, the first of which is to keep the blood built up, rich and red, so that the power of resisting disease is there when required.

When the blood lacks red corpuscles, the body is under-nourished, you lose in weight, and as the nerves are starved you suffer from some form of nervousness. It is a scientific fact that Dr. Williams' pink pills cause the red corpuscles to increase in number, and this improvement in the blood, after taking Dr. Williams' pink pills, is demonstrated by a healthy glow on the cheeks, red lips, and the feeling of strength throughout the system.

If you are not fit Dr. Williams' pink pills will help you to health. For men and women too. Get a supply now from any dealer; or direct from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 36, Fitzroy Square, London, W.1. Price 3s. per box post free.

FREE.—You can obtain a useful Health Guide free by sending a postcard to Book Dept., 36, Fitzroy Square, London, W.1. Write now; it is well worth while. [Advt.

FREE

TO ALL WHO FILL IN COMPETITION COUPONS.

The "KUPON" Pen is specially made to write on Coupon paper. It does not spurt or blot, and with the special Duct attachment you can write for 15 minutes with one dip in the ink. Can be fitted into any penholder, and turns any ordinary pen into a Fountain Pen. They are sold at 6d. per set (pen, nib and duct), or 3 sets for 1/- **Send Postcard for Free Sample.**

Address—**KUPON PEN COMPANY, 2, Wine Office Court, Fleet St., London, E.C.4.**

YOUR BIG WORRIES

grow smaller when others share them.

Make Insurance your friend in need by writing to us to-day for particulars of how to secure the future happiness and security of the home.

The CITY LIFE ASSURANCE CO., Ltd.

6, Paul Street, Finsbury, LONDON, E.C.2.

Managing Director, LEONARD ALDRIDGE

Price 5/6 Post Free

HAIRCUT, Sir?

No thanks, I use a Douglas PRUNER.

YOU can be independent of barbers by using this Original Home Haircutter, which will trim or cut your hair quite as good as a first-class barber, but just as *you* like, not as the barber likes. *It needs no skill.*

YOU SIMPLY COMB YOUR HAIR

Over 60,000 satisfied users! Send immediately 5/6 for a Pruner complete with spare blade for SEVEN DAYS' FREE TRIAL, and if not satisfactory your 5/6 will be refunded without question.

To sharpen the blade of the Pruner, or any make of Safety Razor blade, try the **MONKEY ROTARY STROP** (made by the same Firm as the Douglas Pruner). Price 5/6 post free.

10/6 will purchase both articles, post free

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DOUGLAS KIRBY & Co.

(Dept. J.B.), GLOUCESTER, ENGLAND.

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OF SHEFFIELD

Write for patterns, post free, of Overcoats, Suits, Costumes, Paletots, Mackintoshes, Macintoshes etc., or Catalogues of Footwear, Wool Search, Drapery, Ladies' and Children's Clothing, Sheffield Cutlery, Gramophones and Records, Tea and Dinner Services, Bedsteads, Bedding, Sewing Machines, Cycles, Trunks, Carpets, and Lino, Pottery & Appliances, etc. Great Variety. EASY TERMS

If you suffer from Asthma, Catarrh or ordinary Colds, you will find nothing to equal

HIMROD'S ASTHMA CURE

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20/- RAINCOATS

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Lady's Stylish **RAINCOAT** of high-grade gabardine Cloth, well tailored and finished in latest Style. 20/- carr. paid, Gents, 25/- including good check lining.

Lady's or Gent's **MACKINTOSH** Finest quality material. Splendid cut and finish. Guaranteed absolutely waterproof. 20/- carr. pd. Money back guarantee. Cash with order. State length, chest, and under-arm measurements.

Write for Style Book and Patterns, post free.

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For Spring Cleaning "Gre-solvent" is indispensable

Unequalled for *cleaning* woodwork, linoleum, baths, tiles and dirty, greasy kitchen utensils. "Gre-solvent" also keeps the hands white, soft, and smooth.

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It is more economical too.

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GRE-SOLVENT

The British Remedy.

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Ask for "Owbridge" and take no substitute.

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W. T. OWBRIDGE, Ltd.
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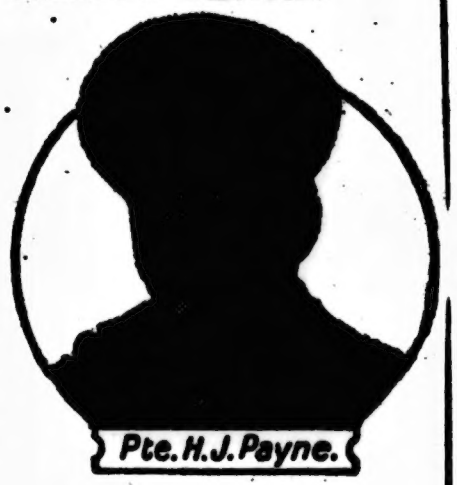
Extreme Weakness and Depression

Last Stage of Anæmia and thought Incurable but cured by Dr. Cassell's Tablets.

Mr. H. J. Payne, a young professional violinist, 24, Mysore Road, Lavender Hill, London, S.W.11, says:—"I was in civil life when the trouble came on. I lost appetite, and then came an ever-increasing listlessness which no effort of will could shake off. I cannot describe how strengthless I felt; I had no energy at all, and I became very gloomy and depressed. Treatment seemed useless in my case; I was said to be incurable. The disease was diagnosed as failure of the lymphatic glands, or chronic anæmia. Once when a sample of blood was taken from my ear the lobe had to be punctured three times before blood came. I joined up in due course but could not support the strain of military life. Soon I was in hospital, and finally was discharged altogether.

"When I came home I tried one thing after another, but all in vain, till one day I got some Dr. Cassell's Tablets. Then it was wonderful how I improved. I gained strength daily, got a good appetite, and now I feel surprisingly well and fit."



Pte. H. J. Payne.

Dr. Cassell's Tablets

The Universal Home Remedy for

Nervous Breakdown
Nerve Paralysis
Neuritis.
Neurasthenia
Sleeplessness
Anæmia
Kidney Trouble
Indigestion
Wasting Diseases
Palpitation
Vital Exhaustion.
Nervous Debility

Specially valuable for Nursing Mothers and during the Critical Periods of Life.

HOME PRICES:
1/3 and 3/-
(the 3s. size being the more economical).
Sold by Chemists in all parts of the world.
Ask for Dr. Cassell's Tablets, and refuse substitutes.

FREE INFORMATION
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TONGUE coated white all over.	TONGUE coated yellow at back.
COMPLEXION blotchy, with redness of Nose.	COMPLEXION muddy or pasty.
EATING disliked. Some Nausea.	EATING disliked or loathed. Biliousness and bad taste in mouth.
PAINS darting through Chest. Burning Spot behind left Shoulder Blade.	PAINS in Bowel, Griping and CONSTIPATION.

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